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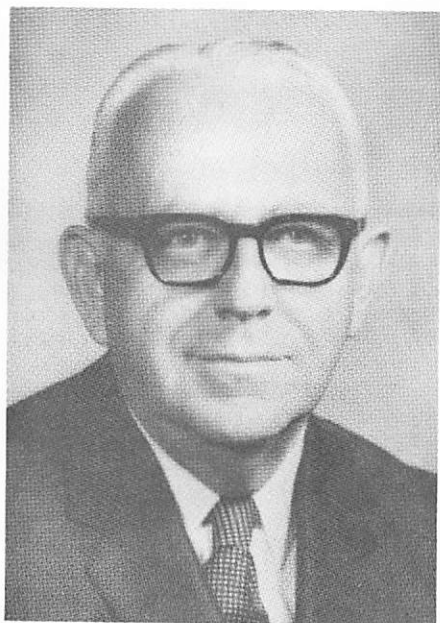


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Glenn Kulukhon, *Nome*
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August Aamodt, *Soldotna*
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Chaplain Col. Robert H. Beckley, *USAF*
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III. DAILY PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONFERENCE

The Fourth Annual Conference of the Alaska Missionary Conference and the 71st Annual Meeting of organized Methodism in Alaska convened at Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage, Alaska on May 29, 1975. The morning hours were devoted to instruction of the delegates and to registration.

OPENING SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

The Conference opened at 1:00 p.m. with a Memorial Communion Service celebrated by Bishop Jack Tuell assisted by Ac Wischmeier, Richard Morrison, L. Eugene Groves, and Bishop Kenneth Goodson of the Richmond, Virginia Area who preached the sermon.

After the Communion Service the Conference recessed for 15 minutes.

The first business session of the 1975 Conference was gaveled to order by Bishop Tuell at 2:15 p.m. The Conference sang the traditional hymn of Methodist Conferences, "And Are We Yet Alive." Bishop Tuell led in prayer.

Greetings to the Conference were received from retired Bishop W. Maynard Sparks, the Rev. and Mrs. Owen Beadles, the Reverend Tom Whitehead, Dr. and Mrs. Meredith Groves, and Howard and Betty DeVore. The Conference voted to send the greetings of the Conference to those individuals and also to Mrs. Everett Palmer, Mrs. A. Raymond Grant, Reverend and Mrs. David Blackburn, and Mrs. Gertrude Knight.

Richard Gay, speaking on behalf of the administration of Alaska Methodist University, extended a welcome to the Conference.

The Conference elected Don Hartman and Julie Isaac to the Courtesy Committee and Keith Wise and Mary Lou Hollett to the Committee on Appreciation.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The following persons were introduced to the Conference: Mrs. Jack (Marji) Tuell; Mrs. Kenneth (Martha) Goodson; Mrs. Ac (Irene) Wischmeier; Robert and Doris McNabb; Roger and Mary Thompson; Dr. James Davis, of the Office of Research and Survey of the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries; Mary Lou Hollett, President of United Methodist Women; Lori Larson and Robin Musgrove, Youth Lay Delegates; Ruby Lea DeBlasio, Proprietor of the Circuit Rider Bookstore in Des Moines, Washington who is operating the Conference Bookstore; Ruthann Timbers, Director, Nome Community Center; John Garvin, Executive Director, Alaska Children's Services; Walt Hays, Alaska Children's Services; George and Mary Meyers, pastor and wife from Trinity United Presbyterian Church (William Trudeau moved that Mr. Meyer be made an associate member of the Conference with full voting privileges according to the ruling made in 1973 by Bishop Tuell. The matter was referred to the Conference Board of Ministry); the Rev. Gordon L. Corbett, Associate Synod Executive, Alaska and Yukon Presbyteries, UPC, USA; Col. Robert Beckley and Col. Lucien E. Larche, Jr. of Elmendorf Air Force Base, United Methodist chaplains; and the Reverend Bruce Duvall, member of the South New Jersey Conference who will be interim pastor at Seward while the Cramers are on vacation.

Bishop Tuell presented a Certificate of Recognition to Boone White, Chairman of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration, for the Conference's 100% participation in World Service.

Superintendent Ac Wischmeier gave the Superintendent's Annual Report which is printed on p. 27 of this Journal.

James Fellers presided over the presentation of the Council on Ministries report which was given in a very novel fashion following a circus theme.

By action of the Conference George Meyers was given affiliate status in the Conference with full rights.

John Shaffer of the Committee on Reference and Counsel presented one change in the rules, which was accepted by the Conference. The change was made in the rules on page 22 of the Pre-Conference Handbook, Section 2, first paragraph, after "superintendent" insert, "Director, Alaska Native Ministries."

John Shaffer also moved that the Conference order that the rules reflect the 1973 rulings of Bishop Jack Tuell. This action was carried.

The first balloting for General and Jurisdictional Conference lay and clergy delegates was taken, but there was no election.

After announcements the Conference adjourned its first business session.

In the evening the Conference gathered at the Mission House for a reception in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Goodson, Bishop and Mrs. Tuell, and other guests of the Conference.

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1975

The Conference opened its Friday session with a celebration at which Bishop Goodson preached the sermon, "I Have A Candidate." Immediately following the worship service Bishop Tuell called the Conference to order for a business session.

The second ballot for lay and clergy delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference was taken and there was no election.

Boone White presented the report of the Council on Finance and Administration.

The Conference Secretary, Bob Bowers, moved that the bar of the Conference for the business session be the center section of the auditorium. It was approved.

The third ballot for lay and clergy delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference was taken. Danita Trudeau was elected lay delegate and there was no election from the ministers.

The fourth ministerial ballot for delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conference and the first lay ballot for alternate delegate were taken. There was no election from the ministers. Jack Townshend was elected as alternate lay delegate and, thus, the lay balloting was completed.

The fourth ministerial ballot was taken and sealed for counting and report back later in the day.

The Conference adjourned its business session and its legislative committees went into a work session.

AFTERNOON SESSION

When the Conference reconvened for business a motion was made to postpone the sixth ministerial ballot for General and Jurisdictional Conference for thirty minutes. It carried.

It was moved that future balloting for delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference should be done separately and secretly by the lay and clergy delegates to Conference. The motion lost.

The Legislative Section on Christian Social Responsibilities report was presented by William Trudeau. The Legislative section brought a report which supercedes the material printed in the Pre-Conference Handbook. At this particular time the entire report of the Legislative Section was not presented, but only that portion which was ready for Conference consideration.

The section of the report dealing with matters related to the Alaska Native Ministries was approved. The section dealing with the relationship of program agencies in Alaska to the Alaska Missionary Conference was considered and approved.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE

Bernadine Mutch presented some items of the Legislative Section on Christian Nurture. The first item considered was the new statement of Personnel Policies. The Legislative Section moved to delete two sentences of the report which dealt with pension and benefit matters for ministerial members of the Missionary Conference. John Shaffer moved to amend the report of the Legislative Committee by leaving in the deleted material. The motion was carried. The Legislative section moved to amend item 4, the 8th paragraph by deleting "parent" and substituting "immediate family." This was accepted. The Legislative Section moved to amend item 3 by inserting in the 4th paragraph after "conducted" the words "during the week of" and deleting "in

conjunction with the;" and, by inserting after "School" the words, "but at a time other than the school itself." This was carried. Item 5 was amended to read after "ferry costs," "plus food and lodging." It was moved by the committee that Item 5, paragraph 2 be amended to read: "An equivalent allowance shall be given to the pastor and moving arrangement shall be made by him." Robert McNabb moved that the addition should be moved from Paragraph 2, item 5, to Paragraph 4 of item 4. It was done. William Trudeau moved that the wording be changed to read, "An amount equal to the amount to be given by the National Division shall be given to the pastor and moving arrangements may be made by him." Jack Townshend moved to substitute the following wording for that proposed by Bill Trudeau: "The pastor may make his own moving arrangements, providing the cost to the National Division does not exceed what the division would normally pay for his moving expenses." The motion to substitute carried.

A motion to recess lost.

The Legislative Section on Christian Nurture moved a resolution to be added as paragraph 5 of number 3 of the Proposed Personnel Policies and Procedures. The resolution read: "Mr. James Davis of the National Division Office of Research and Survey shall create a new instrument to be used in the evaluative process for ministerial members of the Alaska Missionary Conference." John Shaffer moved to amend the report with the following language: "The Office of Research and Survey shall create a new evaluation instrument for the ministerial members of the Alaska Missionary Conference for the consideration of the Mission Conference Superintendent." The amendment was carried and the total motion was carried.

The Personnel Policies document was approved with amendments.

The Sixth ministerial ballot was taken and there was no election.

The Continuing Consultation Committee's recommendations for General Conference action were adopted.

It was moved that the Continuing Consultation Committee's recommendations for General Conference action be referred to the Committee on General Conference Petitions so that the recommendations can be put in acceptable petitionary form. It was referred.

John Shaffer moved that a committee of two lay persons and two clergy be formed to handle the petitions to General Conference. It was done.

The Seventh Ministerial ballot was taken and there was no election.

The third paragraph of the worship Committee's Report on p. 38 of the Pre-Conference Handbook was amended to change "Summer" to "After the Lay Clergy Conference in October of 1975."

Bruce Bartel presented an addition to the Board of Ministry Report on p. 38 of the Pre-Conference Handbook. David Fison moved that after "service" in the first paragraph of the addition the words "with full salary" should be inserted. The interpretation was given that the five years referred to in the addition meant after each five years. It was moved by Bill Trudeau that the Board of Ministry report be deferred. It was done. It was moved that the Conference reconsider the Personnel Policies document. It was done. William Trudeau moved that the last paragraph of the addition to the Board of Ministry report as presented by the Board of Ministry be inserted into the last paragraph of Section 7 of the Personnel Policies document. It was done. It was moved by Bill Trudeau that the section after "approval" in the Board of Ministry addition be inserted after the end of the second paragraph of section 7 of the Personnel Policies document. It was done. The Personnel Policies document was again approved as amended.

The Historical Society's report was accepted but the Financial request for \$300 was deferred and referred to the Council on Finance and Administration.

Ballot number 8 for the ministerial delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conference was taken and there was no election.

Ballot number 9 was taken and there was no election.

Ballot number 10 was taken and sealed for counting and report back later.

The meeting was adjourned until after the Conference Banquet.

FRIDAY EVENING — CONFERENCE BANQUET

The Annual Conference banquet was held in the Fellowship Room of the First United Methodist Church, Boone White, host. The Master of Ceremonies was Rev. Richard Gay of Alaska Methodist University. An instrumental combo from Turnagain United Methodist Church played. The St. John United Methodist Bell Choir performed. The Conference adjourned to the sanctuary where Bishop and Mrs. Tuell told of their experiences and observations during their episcopal visit to India in the fall of 1974.

When the business session resumed after the program it was moved that the business session be limited to 30 minutes. It was amended to 10 minutes. Ballot number ten for the ministerial delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conference was counted and read. Robert Bowers was elected.

Balloting was done for the Committee on General Conference Petitions. It was moved that a simple plurality of the two highest ministerial and lay nominees be the committee. Bob Bowers and John Shaffer were elected as ministerial committee members and Danita Trudeau and Jack Townshend were elected as lay persons to the committee.

Ac Wischmeier presented the following nominations which were accepted by the Conference:

Roger W. Thompson—Conference Secretary for the 1976-80 Quadrennium

James LaBau—Council on Ministries

It was noted that Bruce Bartel's name should be added to the Council on Ministries because it has been omitted by error.

John Poling—Maynard-McDougall Hospital Board

Gary Holthaus—Alaska Children's Services Board

Stan Miller—Council on Finance and Administration

The session was adjourned until Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1975

The Saturday morning session began with worship at which Bishop Goodson preached the sermon. The business session was called to order at 9:35 by Bishop Jack M. Tuell. The Bishop made note of the fact that actions of the previous day related to the new personnel policies were purely advisory to the National Division and not final actions or binding actions.

The first Reserve Ministerial Delegate ballot was taken and August Aamodt was elected.

Announcements were made.

The report of the Legislative Committee on Christian Social Responsibility was presented by William Trudeau. A yellow sheet of substituted actions for the Pre-Conference Report was presented. Items 1 through 7 on the sheet were adopted without amendment. The convenor for the 1976 Legislative Committee on Christian Social Responsibility will be John Garvin.

The report of the Legislative Committee on Christian Nurture was presented for completion of work done on the report on Friday. The report resumed with the presentation of the Constitution and By-Laws proposed for the Conference Council on Youth Ministries by Lori Larson.

- It was moved by Trudeau that in Article III the word, "Three", the parenthesis: (Anchorage, Kenai, Southeast), and the words, "Fairbanks and Nome" be stricken. It was accepted by the committee.

- It was moved by Bill Trudeau that the words, "and sub-region" be added to the last paragraph on p. 5 of the document. Accepted by the Committee.

- It was moved by William Trudeau that the words "may be present and if present shall" be added to the section concerning reserve delegates from the Youth Council to the sessions of Annual Conference. This was added by the Conference.

The entire Constitution and By-Laws of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries was accepted by the Conference.

The following budget was presented for the Conference Council on Youth Ministries operation by Robin Musgrove:

S. E. Alaska transportation	\$300.
Kenai Peninsula transportation	25.
Nome transportation	200.
Fairbanks transportation	275.
Telephone	75.
Food and Housing	100.
TOTAL:	\$975.

The budgetary figure was referred to the Council on Finance and Administration.

The presentation of the Legislative Committee on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy was given by James Fellers.

Pages 27 and 28 of the Pre-Conference Handbook were adopted.

"Lay Clergy Leadership Training Conference" was added after Alaska Missionary Conference on p. 39 of the Pre-Conference Handbook.

Pages 39 and 40 were adopted.

Pages 41 and 42 were adopted.

The Board of Pensions report on p. 43 of the Pre-Conference Handbook concerning Hospitalization and Medical Expense was amended as follows: Add \$1.51 to the combination of the figures for Minister and Spouse (\$66.68) in order to create \$100 yearly deductible per family and set the monthly Hospitalization and Medical Insurance payment at \$68.19 to take effect July 1, 1975.

Boone White presented the report of the Council on Finance and Administration.

The report was amended to read on pp. 44-46, "Council" rather than "Commission."

On p. 45, number 11, it was moved and adopted that a deadline of February 15 should be inserted into the paragraph.

Bill Trudeau's attempt to amend the amendment failed.

By agreement of the Council of Finance and Administration items 13, 14 and 15 on page 45 were deferred.

Next the Conference considered the table appearing on p. 46 of the Pre-Conference Handbook.

- It was moved that the chart as it presently reads be stricken from the record and the Mission Conference Superintendent be asked to come up with corrected figures to be printed in a similar table in the 1975 Journal. Carried.
- It was moved that the utilities column be deleted from the report. Defeated.
- It was moved to add the words "housing or housing allowances are provided ministers of the Alaska Missionary Conference." Defeated.
- It was moved that the report of Cash Salary, Travel, etc., should include columns for utilities paid by churches, rent or equivalent allowances, maintenance and mortgage payments for each church in the Alaska Missionary Conference as well as the other items on p. 46 of the Pre-Conference Handbook. The Chairman of the Council on Finance and Administration will be responsible for gathering the data. The entire matter was referred to the Equitable Salary Committee for a report to the next session of Annual Conference after a motion by Shaffer to table until 1976 failed and a motion to reconsider the previous motion was defeated.
- It was moved to amend the Equitable Salary Report on p. 47 of the Pre-Conference Handbook by adding number 5: "The Equitable Salary Commission is directed to indicate realistic area percentage adjustments in the proposed salary schedule of 1977. It was adopted.

The Conference recessed for ten minutes.

The Conference was called back to order at 1:40 p.m. The Budget of the Alaska Missionary Conference for 1976 was adopted.

Items 13, 14 and 15, p. 45 of the Pre-Conference Handbook, the items relating to the Council on Ministries Budget, the Total Budget of the Conference, and Benevolent Reserves were adopted using the totals as they shall appear in the amended budget.

The proposed 1976 Apportionment Figures were adopted.

The items of the proposed Administrative Policies and Procedures dealing with the functions of the Superintendent, Property and Insurance, and Pensions were considered and approved.

A resolution dealing with the cost and scheduling of the Lay-Clergy Leadership Training Conference and the Pastors' and Wives' Retreat was presented by the Legislative Committee on Lay Activities and Temporal Affairs. It was moved to amend the resolution by striking the last half of the last sentence of the resolution. There was a motion to Table until the 1976 Annual Meeting with reference to the proper legislative committee. The motion to table prevailed.

The Chairperson of the 1976 Legislative Committee on Lay Activities and Temporal Affairs will be Jackie Oberg.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The report of the Legislative Committee on Christian Outreach was presented by Donald Hartman. The report was presented on a green sheet containing 8 items, which were considered *en seriatum*.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2.a was adopted.

Item 2.b was considered, in revised form, and approved. The following is the revised reading of paragraph 1: "New categories designated for small items of equipment and innovative ministries are needed for the cultivation of Advance Specials to Alaska. It is understood that the Advance Office *will not cultivate* support for these two categories: 1. that a maximum of \$5000 a year will be approved for 'small items of equipment' and, 2. a maximum of \$10,000 for 'innovative ministries.' The Alaska Missionary Conference will evaluate, prioritize, and recommend particular projects to the National Division for final approval."

Paragraph 2 approved.

Paragraph 3: insert "all."

Paragraph 4 approved.

Item 3 was adopted, approving an Advance Special Request of Alaska Children's Services.

Item 4 endorsing the Outreach program of First United Methodist Church in Fairbanks was approved.

Item 5 endorsing a tithe for benevolences from local churches based upon their current expense budget was approved.

Item 6 supporting the Ecumenical School of Christian Mission was approved.

Item 7 was amended to read 1976 instead of 1975-76 and was approved.

Item 8 was considered:

A motion to amend item 8 so that the word, "will" is changed to "may" in both instances of its appearing was proposed.

The amendment to the amendment was proposed to change the first "will" only to "may."

Both the amendment to the amendment and the amendment itself were defeated.

An amendment was proposed to add this sentence: "The Committee on Evangelism will be charged with the responsibility of implementing this program and planning accordingly." Carried.

Item 8 was approved.

Richard Smith was approved as chairman of the 1976 Legislative Committee on Christian Outreach.

It was moved that the Proposed Personnel Policies and Procedures for the Alaska Missionary Conference be reconsidered. It was done.

It was moved that paragraph 9 of section 4 of the document be amended to substitute the following for the last sentence: "Home conferences shall be urged to consider funding the difference between the Alaska Missionary Conference Pension rate and that of the Missionary's Conference." It was approved.

A motion to reconsider the previous action was made. It was reconsidered.

It was moved that the Conference should not consider the previously substituted wording as a part of the Proposed Personnel Policies and Procedures but that the wording should be submitted on its own. This was carried.

It was moved that the parenthesis in paragraph 9 of section 4 be deleted. It was not deleted and the whole of section 4 was adopted as amended by this action.

The previously substituted wording was accepted in resolution form.

The Block Grant Budget on pp. 54-56 was accepted.

The report of the General Conference Petitions Committee was heard. Three petitions were presented. Roger Thompson presented a resolution from the East Anchorage Congregation in support of Petition 1. The Petition was adopted. Petition 2 was adopted. Petition 3 was approved after an amendment to substitute "or" for "and" was approved. Another attempt to amend by substituting the words "report to the" failed.

The convenor for the Legislative Section on Christian Nurture for the 1976 Annual Conference will be Bruce Bartel.

The order of the day was amended to move the meeting time of the General Commission Committees to 3:30 p.m.

Four recommendations were brought from the Continuing Consultation Committee. Items 1, 3 and 4 were approved. Item 2 was referred to the Committee on Reference and Counsel for Rules changes.

It was moved that the Conference reconsider the presentation of the Continuing Consultation Committee. It was done.

It was moved to amend the report of the Continuing Consultation Committee in the following manner: Add "5. It is the recommendation of the Alaska Missionary Conference that the elected lay and clergy delegates to General Conference be included in the meetings of the Consultation between now and General Conference."

A motion to suspend the rules in p. 18, Section F of the Pre-Conference Handbook, failed.

It was moved that the rules be changed at 2. Section 1. A point of order was raised to the effect that rules changes must be made in the proper manner through the Committee on Reference and Counsel. The motion was ruled out of order.

The Appreciation Committee's Report which appears elsewhere in the Journal was received and accepted with addition of reference to Natalie Brooks' providing piano accompaniment to the Conference singing.

The delegation from the First United Methodist Church, Fairbanks offered its invitation to hold the 1976 session of Annual Conference in that city. It was accepted.

The Conference Lay Leader, Jack Townshend addressed the Conference.

Augie Aamodt was named as youth advisor to the Conference Council on Youth Ministries.

The Conference Secretary moved that the Conference shall adjourn *sine die* on Sunday June 1st upon the reading of the 1975-76 ministerial appointments. It was accepted.

The business sessions of the Conference were adjourned. The members of the Conference met in General Committees for the balance of the afternoon.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 1975

The final session of Annual Conference was held at First United Methodist Church, Anchorage. It was a service of worship which was also the 15th Baccalaureate for Alaska Methodist University. Bishop Kenneth Goodson preached a sermon entitled, "If Dreams Were for Sale." The appointments of pastors for 1975-76 were read by Bishop Jack Tuell.

IV. APPOINTMENTS OF THE ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE 1975-76

Superintendent of the Alaska Missionary Conference	Ac Wischmeier	7
Anchorage, Anchor Park	Robert D. Bowers	5
Anchorage, East Anchorage	Roger W. Thompson	2
Anchorage, First	Boone D. White	4
Anchorage, St. John, Bayshore West, Girdwood, Hope	David K. Fison	4
Anchorage, Tri-Anchor Ecumenical Parish		
Turnagain United Methodist Church	William Trudeau	2
Trinity United Presbyterian Church (not appointed by the United Methodist Bishop)	George Meyer	1
Jewell Lake		
Chugiak	Donald L. Hartman	1
Fairbanks	Eugene Groves	7
Homer Parish, Homer, Ninilchik, Seldovia, Anchor Point	Richard R. Smith	2
Douglas	Keith Wise	4
Juneau, Northern Light United Church	Robert McNabb	2
Kenai, Church of the New Covenant	John R. Tindell	2
Ketchikan	Bruce Bartel	5
Nome	James Fellers	4
Seward, Moose Pass, Cooper Landing	John J. Shaffer	2
Sitka	Max Cramer	3
Soldotna, North Star	Roger Robison	1
Special Appointment with Annuity Claim, Director of Alaska Native Ministries	August Aamodt	4
Special Appointments in Alaska by other Bishops:	Raymond Baines	2
Executive Director, Alaska Children's Services		
Director of Development, Alaska Children's Services	John Garvin	1
Professor, Alaska Methodist University	Walter L. Hays	2
	Richard R. Gay	16

V. REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

A. CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES, Danita Trudeau, Coordinator

The Council on Ministries has met three times during the past year, beginning with a brief meeting prior to the 1974 Conference Session. At that time plans were finalized for the report to the Conference and we continued work on the formation of a management system for the Council. At the September meeting it was decided that we did not feel a management system, such as the one which had been worked out, was feasible at this time, although some of the training would be used informally.

Several matters were referred to the Council by Annual Conference:

(1) After exploration into the relationship of Birchwood Camp and the Conference, the Council affirmed our continuing participation and support of the camp. A dollar figure for Birchwood is in the 1976 Budget.

(2) Because of a time deadline, Conference asked the Council to prioritize the Advance Special projects for the National Advance Special Department. This was done.

(3) The Council was asked to study the types of membership in the Annual Conference, but this was deferred until the completion of the current series of consultation sessions between Alaska and the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries.

Two special studies have been authorized by the Conference Council on Ministries this past year. The first study has to do with special offerings taken by the Conference in its churches. The second concerns the campus ministry. No report is given for either at this session of Conference.

The make up of the Council changed throughout the year. Danita Trudeau left the Council to become its quarter-time director. The responsibilities were defined as being "to coordinate a program calendar for the Alaska Missionary Conference, and monitor the time line of each goal and objective adopted by the Conference under the supervision of the Council." Jim LaBau was named to replace Danita in the Council Membership. Ray Baines was named an ex-officio member.

In connection with the task of the coordinator, we have begun to publish an informal newsletter following each Council meeting. This is an attempt to create a better communication system between the Council and the rest of the Conference.

We are currently working on ways in which the Conference can be of greater help to the leadership in our local churches. One such attempt is the development of a Human Resource File, so that we may tap the talents which already exist here in the Mission Conference and use them more broadly.

B. GENERAL COMMISSIONS AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

1. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

a. *Christian Social Concerns* (Natalie Brooks, Chairwoman). John Shaffer (Chairman), Marj Woodster, Bob Bowers, Jean Stassel, and Ray Baines formed the task force on Christian Social Concerns. They developed two priorities for action: 1. to work for additional funding of the Supplemental Special Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children; and, 2. Comprehensive Mental Health Centers legislation.

An Interdenominational pipeline ministry is now operating under the direction of Major Raymond Dexter of the Salvation Army. His salary is being paid by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. Letters and pledging envelopes were distributed to all United Methodist congregations during Advent. \$2,403.70 in cash was received and pledges of \$1,191.68 toward procurement of a United Methodist Chaplain to work on the line.

CONFERENCE ACTIONS

1. Statement of the Social Issues Task Force: "Our goal will be to continue to look for issues upon which the members of the task force can agree and then seek to stimulate Alaska United Methodists within the Alaska Missionary Conference to act in expressing their views on the issues." We endorse the goal of the Social Issues Task Force and encourage its continued activity. Suggested issues of concern which may come before the legislature are: legalized prostitution, further liberalization of gambling, and gun control, among others.

2. The pipeline chaplaincy shall be given continued support through personal Advent sacrificial giving.

3. Each church, through its Council on Ministries, shall be urged to explore the possibility of sponsoring voter education programs such as candidate meetings, panel discussions, debates on issues before the 1976 elections. They should consider doing this ecumenically or with other community groups.

4. It is recommended that the Conference work to provide congressional support and funding for the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children and see that this is implemented in Alaska through Borough and City Governments.

5. Each congregation in the Alaska Missionary Conference shall continue to support Ray Baines in the ministry to Alaska Natives.

6. All churches shall explore and act upon ways to help alleviate world hunger.

7. All churches shall educate their congregations concerning the area of corrections and seek to minister to offenders and ex-offenders in their community.

2. CHRISTIAN NURTURE

a. *Education* (See the 1975 Pre-Conference Handbook). No Conference actions in this area.

b. *Worship*. A Worship Resource system has been established in the form of a briefcase of materials with books, articles, music, sample creative services and other information. It can be checked out from the Conference Audio-Visual Library.

CONFERENCE ACTIONS

1. The Worship Committee shall continue to plan for the worship life of Annual Meeting in a creative way.

2. The Worship Committee shall be appointed all from one region or it shall be a committee of one person.

3. Bishop Tuell's wife, Marji, shall be available for a limited time after the Lay-Clergy Leadership Training Conference to lead music workshops in local churches of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

c. *Audio-Visual and Trafco Committee*. (See pp. 25 and 38 of the Pre-Conference Handbook.)

d. *Board of the Ministry*. The duties of the Board of Ministry of the Alaska Missionary Conference are to keep a current listing of ministerial students, to keep in touch with ministerial students, to keep a file of course offerings and educational opportunities and institutions for ministers and ministerial students, to choose the dean for Pastors' and Wives' Retreat, to administer the ministerial Education Fund, to formulate a statement concerning Sabbatical Leaves, to subscribe to continuing education resources, and to notify the conference members concerning available scholarships.

The following statement was adopted by the 1975 Conference with regard to sabbatical leaves: "Ministers in the Alaska Missionary Conference are eligible for up to four months sabbatical leave after each five years of service within the Conference—with full salary."

e. *The Alaska Missionary Conference Historical Society*. The co-chairwomen of the Alaska Missionary Conference Historical Society have spent much time this year organizing the materials they have on hand pertaining to the Alaska United Methodist Churches and institutions. Two portable files were purchased to contain the materials. The churches and institutions will soon be approached with lists of materials needed in

order to begin work on the projected historical booklet. Each pastor and institution director will be furnished with a list showing the items on hand and those needed. A request will be made that, if at all possible, these items, pictures and pieces of information be provided by December 1, 1975.

The other activities of the Society have included furnishing some historical information in answer to inquiries and writing a column known as "Mission Memories" in the quarterly publication, *THE BRIDGE*. A letter from the son of a former pastor of the early Fairbanks Methodist Church (1913-1916) pointed out that an article on the Fairbanks church was in error in stating that the early church was discontinued in 1910. The letter also furnished much more information on both the Fairbanks and Seward Churches.

CONFERENCE ACTIONS

(1) The Historical Society shall continue to locate, organize, index, add to, copy and make arrangements for safe storage of the historical materials of the Conference and of the local churches and institutions presently, and formerly, in the Missionary Conference.

(2) The Historical Society shall prepare and distribute a summary booklet, with pictures, portraying the history of the Alaska Missionary Conference and of the local churches and institutions presently and formerly in the Alaska Missionary Conference.

(3) The Alaska Missionary Conference Historical Society Co-Chairmen shall cooperate with the Anchorage Bicentennial Commission's Religion Committee in developing an exhibit of historical significance for their planned exhibition at the Anchorage museum beginning at Christmas of 1975.

(4) Local Churches shall appoint at least one historian to be an active member of the Alaska Missionary Conference Historical Society.

(5) Local churches are urged to collect all old church records and historical items and store them together in a safe place.

(6) Local church historians are urged to compile a summary of the history of the local church.

(7) The Co-chairmen of the Alaska Missionary Conference Historical Society need the following information by December 1, 1975:

- The official name of the church or institution, the original name and others used (if different from the official name), and where the names came from.
- Date of organization of the local church or institution.
- Date of dedication or consecration of the local church or institution.
- List of pastors who have served the church or executive directors who have served the institution, with dates of service.
- Picture of the original building(s) and picture of the present building, if different from the above.
- Picture of the first pastor and family and picture of the present pastor and family . . . the same for executive directors of institutions.
- Significant dates and events in the life of the church or institution, and other items of interest.

(e) *Higher Education.* The United Campus Ministry at Fairbanks has undergone a change in leadership as Everett Wenrick, an Episcopal clergyman, and Sister Ellie Brown have become co-directors. The program has been evaluated this spring.

In Anchorage, a Board of Directors, Constitution and By-Laws for the University Christian Community Ministry was established on May 21st. Ellis Veatch, retired Disciples of Christ pastor, has been serving as interim protestant director in concert with priests from the Dominican order. In the next few months a half time campus minister will be hired by the cooperating Protestant churches to fulfill the goal of establishing a solidly based campus program in Anchorage's three campuses. A team from the United Ministries in Higher Education was in Anchorage to assist the beginning of the new organization.

(f) *Youth Ministry.* Lori Larson of Juneau was elected this year to a position on the National Council of the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries. The youth

delegates to Annual Conference have worked long and hard to come up with a constitution and by-laws for the Conference Council on Youth Ministries.

(g) *Birchwood Camp.* In September, 1975, a meeting will be held of the Program Council of Birchwood Camp to designate deans for the 1976 Program. On alternative months the executive committee of the program council and the general membership of the program council will meet. A newsletter will be sent to all program council members after each executive committee meeting. If the camping program supports itself in 1975 a week of camping for grades 3 and 4 will be added. It is recommended that the resident senior high camp should be eliminated and either a trail camp or work camp be substituted. Churches which participate actively on the program council of Birchwood Camp will be eligible for the special camping fee.

3. LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

(a) *Commission on Lay Activities and Temporal Economy.* The first goal of the General Committee for 1975-76 is for each local church to have representation in the Alaska Missionary Conference Lay-Clergy Leadership Training Conference being held at Birchwood Camp, October 10-12, 1975. The lay delegates are also urged to be more communicative with their local congregations. To vote on goals and programs at Annual Conference and then not inform those who are represented is not being responsible. Each delegate should see that the goals are carried out.

(b) *Conference Lay Leader.* The Conference Lay Leader Jack Townshend worked on the Lay-Clergy Leadership Training Conference, the Alaska Consultation Committee, the Missionary Conference Task Force on Legislation for the 1976 General Conference, the Equitable Salary Committee, and the Conference Council on Ministries. The reports of the activities of these groups are found elsewhere in the Journal.

(c) *Board of Pensions.* We request to the General Board of Pensions and the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries that all ministers entering the Alaska Missionary Conference during the coming year, 1975-76, be included in the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund.

Contributions of ministers to the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund shall be on the basis of 3% of the average salary of the Conference in which the minister holds membership. Beginning with all such personal contributions made on and after July 1, 1970 to this Income Annuity Account, together with all interest credited therein, shall be available at the time of the minister's retirement, or to the beneficiary should death precede retirement, as either additional annuity above the effective pension rate or as a lump sum refund in lieu of additional annuity.

We recommend that the Death Benefit Program provision of the Board of Pensions be again applied to the Alaska Missionary Conference Pension Program at an annual cost of \$75 per member.

Should any surplus develop after payment of the Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund, Death Benefit Program and Clearinghouse, it shall be deposited to the Conference Claimants Distribution Fund of the Pension Account of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Amounts available through the Board of Pensions Chartered Fund and the distribution from the Methodist Publishing House shall be used for current budget purposes and excesses deposited to the Conference Claimants Distribution Fund.

The Alaska Missionary Conference will need \$5,923.56 for its pension program in 1975-76 based on 16 ministers at \$500 each, total \$8000. The Mission Conference Superintendent is funded entirely by the National Division Block Grant. The breakdown is as follows:

Alaska Mission Conference Share:

1/3 of \$350 = \$116.66 x 16 = \$1,866.56

1/2 of \$150 = \$ 75.00 x 16 = \$1,200.00

\$3,066.56

Death Benefit Program \$75 x 16 1,200.00

Non-funded payments for claimants with

Alaskan service (estimate for 1976) 1,657.00

TOTAL ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE RES: \$5,923.56

Since June 1, 1973, as instructed by the Annual Meeting of 1973, \$5,000 was taken from "Benevolent Reserves" plus the extra \$1,000 voted from regular apportionments deposited in the Conference Claimants Distribution Fund of the Board of Pensions to draw interest until January 1978 at the present rate of 6.5%. At that time the interest on the total accumulated can be used to increase the pension rate of the Alaska Missionary Conference by \$10, per service year.

The National Division is still working on a plan to raise the present pension rate from \$50 per service year to \$60. The interest that comes from the added investment by the Alaska Missionary Conference is to help raise the pension rate beyond the \$60 per service year.

In order to continue to move the pension rate beyond the \$60 we must continue the policy started in 1974 to add \$1000 more to our capital on deposit in the Conference Claimants Distribution Fund to be left to accumulate interest until January 1978. At that time, the interest on all our invested funds will be used to increase the pension rate to the maximum it will fund.

Two Alaska Missionary Conference pastors have availed themselves of the tax-deferred plan now provided by the General Board of Pensions of the United Methodist Church.

(d) *Hospitalization and Medical Expense Program.* Effective July 1, 1975, the rates of the Hospitalization and Medical Expense Program will increase by 29% over the current rates. It has been two years since rate increases were made. The new rate will be \$18.80 per minister per month and \$47.88 for his wife. This makes a rate of \$66.68 per month. The Annual Conference voted to raise this basic rate by \$1.51 per month to offset the cost of assuming a \$100 deductible per family per year feature. Thus the new rate in effect July 1, 1975 will be \$68.19 per month or \$818.28 per year, for each Missionary Conference family.

(e) *Council on Finance and Administration.* The following items of legislation were recommended and approved by the Annual Conference relative to the work of the Council on Finance and Administration:

1. We remind and require "all agencies receiving financial support from the Conference benevolences, or from any other authorized conference-wide appeal, that they shall make audited reports to the Council concerning all receipts and disbursements thereof, in such detail and at such times as the Council may direct." (Par. 868.4, 1972 Discipline).

2. Board and organizations are commended who did early budget preparation. All requests for funds should be submitted to the Council at its preconference meeting.

3. The 1976 grade figures shall be figured using the 1974 statistics.

4. Monies received shall be reported quarterly to the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries, the bishop and the appropriate local church personnel.

5. All cash balances of A, B and C of the Conference Budget shall revert to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year.

6. An Every Member Visitation must be conducted by all churches of the Conference receiving "Ministerial Support" funds to supplement the amount paid by the local congregation towards the pastor's salary.

7. Advance Special giving shall continue to vigorously support all United Methodist Institutions in Alaska. United Methodist Institutions in Alaska Sunday shall be observed on a date set by the Conference Council on Ministries.

8. The apportionment established by the Council on Finance and Administration and transmitted to the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be accepted for the 1976 calendar year.

9. Because of the changing priority within the National Division, Alaska United Methodist Churches are called upon to accept more financial responsibility and thus must assume an aggressive stance towards increased financial support locally.

10. The 1976 Pre-Conference Handbook shall carry a listing of all funds expended by the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries within the Alaska Missionary Conference. This list shall include: salary supplementation, administrative cost of the Mission Conference office, moving costs, furlough costs, expense allotments, insurance on church properties, travel, etc. In addition all salaries of ministers of local churches

and administrators of institutions and programs of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be listed on a separate page of the 1976 Pre-Conference Handbook—broken down as to cash, travel, utilities, other. One column shall show the amounts paid by the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries and another column showing the Mission Salary Subsidy, with a third column showing the total.

11. The grade figure for figuring apportionments to the local churches will be an average of the Membership Grade Figure and the Local Expense Grade Figure. The Membership Grade Figure is the total Alaska Missionary Conference membership divided into the local church total membership. The Local Expense Grade Figure is the total Alaska Missionary Conference expenditure divided into the expense figure of each local church for local expenses. Local expenses are defined as general church expenditures excluding loan repayment, interest, building improvements, and benevolences. Church school administration, materials, supplies, and the local amounts paid for the pastor's salary and travel allowance shall be included in local expenses. Each local church can appeal to the Council on Finance and Administration concerning the assessed amounts if there are unusual circumstances which should be considered, provided this appeal is made prior to February 15 of each year.

12. \$1,000 shall be sent to the Conference Claimant Distribution Fund of the Board of Pensions to accrue interest for investment in 1978 to buy an additional \$10 pension base.

13. The Council on Ministries Budget for 1976 shall be \$15,089.

14. The total budget of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be \$185,407 including \$69,907 from the Alaska Missionary Conference and \$115,500 from the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries.

15. \$2575 shall be taken from Benevolent Reserves for the 1976 budget.

16. The churches of the Conference shall study the increases in Social Security and shall strive to increase their pastor's salary to meet 50% of the Social Security assessment for 1976.

17. The 1976 Pre-Conference Handbook and Conference Journal shall include a table reporting the exact compensation given to ministers of the Alaska Missionary Conference as determined by the Council on Finance and Administration. Such factors as fair rental value of parsonages, utilities payments, maintenance and mortgage costs, as well as the items listed in the comparable table in this Journal shall be used and listed.

(f) *Equitable Salary Committee.* The following Conference actions are based on work done in meetings held January 31 and March 13, 1975:

1. The base salary of ministers of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall be raised from \$7,930 to \$8,500 effective January 1, 1976. Social Security payments shall be increased \$186 per year. Area adjustments shall be as follows: Anchorage and Southeast—base; Kenai—base plus 6%; Fairbanks—base plus 8%; Nome—base plus 26%.

2. The salary increase over the 1975 amount shall be raised in the following manner: \$5000 from the non-self-supporting churches; \$3,831 from the self-supporting churches according to a grade-point system; and \$340 from Benevolent Reserves.

TABLE I

GRADE POINT TABLE FOR SALARY SUBSIDY FROM SELF-SUPPORTING CHURCHES			
Church	Grade Point 1975	Grade Point Self-Supp. Churches	Total Shared
Anchor Park	8.40	.13802	\$ 528.75
Anchorage, 1st	14.90	.24482	937.91
Anchorage, Turn	7.56	.12422	475.89
Fairbanks	13.33	.21903	839.10
Ketchikan	8.02	.13178	504.85
Douglas	3.22	.05291	202.70
Juneau	5.43	.08922	341.80
TOTALS:	60.86	1.00000	\$3831.00

TABLE II

TABLE OF FUNDING REQUIRED TO RAISE THE BASE SALARY TO \$8500

Item	1975	Increase over 1975	1976 Total
Salary	\$79,300	\$5,947	\$85,247
Area Adj.	3,171	\$ 578	3,749
Exp. Factor	16,000	600	16,600
Soc. Security	4,081	2,046	6,127
TOTALS:	\$102,552	\$9,171	\$111,723

3. Self-supporting churches shall be allowed to increase their minister's salary beyond the 1975 salary provided that they accept the apportionment set forth in 2. of this report.

4. All funds raised from self-supporting churches for salaries of ministers in non-self-supporting churches shall be segregated for salary support only.

5. The area adjustments set in 1 of this report as originally proposed to the Conference (Kenai—base plus 4% and Nome—base plus 24%) were based upon the quarterly report on Alaska's Food Prices, December 1974. This is a quarterly report published by the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Alaska, Fairbanks and the United States Department of Agriculture. It is based upon a market basket of 40 items:

Ketchikan	Sitka	Juneau	Seward	Kenai-Sold.	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Nome
\$53.44	\$54.10	\$55.94	\$61.16	\$60.85	\$56.10	\$56.16	\$76.17

The Equitable Salary Committee will make, by Conference direction, a study which will come up with realistic area percentage adjustments of salary by Conference of 1976 to take effect with the 1977 salary.

4. CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

(a) *Mission.* David Fison, Conference Mission Coordinator, and Esther Murray attended a "Why Global?" Conference in California. Seminars on this subject were held in Ketchikan and Juneau.

(b) *Evangelism.* Two major events in evangelism were held in Alaska this year. The week of September 22-26, 1974 each church in the Conference sent its pastor and a layperson to East Anchorage United Methodist Church for an Euriskon event and Training Session conducted by the founder of "Euriskon," Barry Johnson. As a result Euriskon events were also held in Ketchikan and in the Homer Parish led by Bill Trudeau and Don Hartman and August Aamodt and Jim Fellers, respectively.

The other major event was a New Life Mission held at Anchor Park United Methodist Church in Anchorage and led by the director of Preaching Ministries of the Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, George Morris. This event was held in May.

In addition, Walter Albritton, nationally known leader in the Lay Witness movement, led a preaching mission at Nome and spoke at Anchor Park Church, Anchorage.

It is suggested that Euriskon be continued in other churches of the Conference using those leaders who have conducted Euriskon events: John Tindell, Jim Fellers, August Aamodt, Bill Trudeau and Don Hartman.

(c) *Church Location and Building.* The parsonage family at Chugiak is now living in the upstairs, hoping that the lower floor will be completed before long. With the aid of a youth work team last summer, considerable progress was made toward completion. The church and pastor have contributed untold hours of labor in building the new parsonage. A new well system for the church has been completed.

The Douglas church has completed, with the aid of a summer youth work team, reconstructing their old garage on a new foundation and cement floor. The church is also in the process of remodeling the church basement.

With the aid of the Des Moines, Washington, summer work team, property improvements were made at Seldovia. The Ninilchik church basement was remodeled by the same team.

The Nome Community United Methodist Church has received many days of volunteer work from Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dadd of Cleveland, Ohio, and Paul Scott of South Zanesville, Ohio (a LAOS Volunteer) who helped with the plumbing, painting, plasterboard and putty, and many other things in the work order. The parsonage has been largely refurbished when once again the parsonage family can take pride in their living environment.

The calendar year of 1974 saw the transition of assets held by the Juneau United Methodist Church and the Northern Light United Presbyterian Church to the ownership of the Northern Light United Church.

Last summer the Anchor Park United Methodist Church, with the aid of a youth team from San Diego, California, painted the entire outside of the church and a number of rooms inside. On Sunday, March 16th the congregation voted to purchase a new Rogers Scarborough 110 organ to replace the old organ.

At the fall Charge Conference, St. John United Methodist Church elected a building committee and, after interviewing, chose Ronald Campbell to work with the committee to develop preliminary drawings for the next unit. The plans were presented on May 19th to the South Central Building and Location Committee.

The Mountain Point Church building at Ketchikan was sold by the Ketchikan United Methodist Church for \$21,321.08 and the balance after expenses was forwarded to the National Division.

Fairbanks United Methodist Church has authorized not more than \$9000 to be used for sanctuary remodeling semi-traditional, semi-church-in-the-round design.

(d) *Ecumenical Affairs.* The Chairman of Ecumenical Affairs attended the 1975 Biennial Conference of the Alaska Christian Conference at Birchwood Camp, January 28-31. Consultation on Church Union materials were forwarded to the churches.

CONFERENCE ACTIONS

(1) The Alaska Missionary Conference gives its hearty approval to the concept of a "Comprehensive Mission Strategy Development in Alaska" as presented in the research prospectus of James Davis of the National Division office of Research and Survey. It is requested that the following clarifications in the prospectus be made: a) the Continuing Consultation Committee shall add further details and shall make general supervision of the study. b) The study shall be coordinated with ecumenical groups. c) The Alaska Missionary Conference Agencies and Institutions will be included in the study on the same basis as local congregations and their Councils on Ministry. d) Each local church will be visited twice during the survey.

(2) Approval is given to the Missionary Conference section of the Continuing Consultation Committee Report.

(3) The "Advance Specials and Other Funding Section" of the Continuing Consultation Committee Report shall be amended to read: "New categories of equipment and innovative ministries are needed for the cultivation of Advance Specials to Alaska. It is understood that the Advance Office *will not cultivate* support for these two categories: 1. That a maximum of \$5000 a year will be approved for 'small items of equipment' and, 2. a maximum of \$10,000 for 'innovative ministries.' The Alaska Missionary Conference will evaluate, prioritize, and recommend particular projects to the National Division for final approval."

(4) The Advance Special Request of Alaska Children's Services is approved.

(5) The Mission Outreach Project of First United Methodist Church of Fairbanks is supported by the Conference and recommended to the other United Methodist Churches of the Alaska Missionary Conference. This project provides underclothing, children's books, and other items for remote Eskimo and Indian villages.

(6) It is recommended that local churches tithe 10% of their current expense budget raised locally to benevolences.

(7) The Ecumenical School of Christian Mission is endorsed by the Alaska Missionary Conference.

(8) The Alaska Missionary Conference shall support the United Methodist Women in itineration of a missionary in 1976.

(9) The Alaska Missionary Conference endorses a discipleship program for 1976-77. Each congregation will do three short-term studies during the year—one on the teachings of Jesus, one on evangelism in the '70's, and one on our Wesleyan heritage. This program will culminate at Annual Conference of 1977 which will be centered on a New Life Mission directed by the Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church. The Committee on Evangelism will be charged with the responsibility of implementing this program and planning accordingly.

C. THE CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT — Ac Wischmeier

OUR HISTORIC BEGINNINGS

As we now celebrate the 200th birthday, or bicentennial, of the United States of America, it is fitting that we lift up a bit of United Methodist history relating to our beginning of mission work in Alaska. The first session of the Alaska Methodist Episcopal Mission was held in Juneau, July 16-19, 1904, presided over by Bishop J. W. Hamilton. During this conference, the cornerstone of the new Metropolitan Church in Juneau was laid by Bishop Hamilton and after the session and the reading of appointments, the first conference adjourned sine die.

I find the report of Superintendent John Parsons to this first conference interesting. His first paragraph reads as follows: "Bishop and Brethren: Bishop Gilbert Havin proposed to establish a mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Alaska in 1879, but he was taken sick and died before the plan could be executed. So nearly twenty years passed before the first step was taken to carry out the plans of the dead Bishop, except the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. In 1886 John H. Carr, a local preacher, and wife, opened a mission among the Indians on Unga Island, near Unalaska. He labored there three years and was followed by Mr. Kinney. The society is still at work among the Indians in that part of Alaska. I may add that Unalaska is part of our special field for work among the natives, it being assigned to us many years ago."

Superintendent Parsons goes on in his report to review the work at the five stations now established: Skagway, Ketchikan, Douglas City, Dolomi and Juneau. Then he says, "The next place we should begin work in Alaska is Seward, a new town situated on the Gulf of Alaska, nearly 900 miles west of Juneau. Mr. John E. Ballaine, owner of the townsite of Seward, has given us lots there for a church and we ought to occupy the place at once. There are said to be 800 people there now, with saloons and other institutions of the devil. It is the coast terminus of a railroad headed for the Yukon River and if it is built, which is practically assured, the chief city of Alaska will spring up there. Besides it is in the zone of Alaska territory granted to us when this country was portioned out among the churches."

He speaks of Fairbanks in the interior "as an inviting field for Christian endeavor. The Episcopal church entered that field lately and the Presbyterian church sent a man and wife there a few weeks ago. Living is very high there and my advice is that a year later will be early enough to begin work in that field. If time and money were available it would be well enough for the superintendent to go to Fairbanks this year and look over the field, but neither is at our command. We must remember that the Episcopal church is spending \$60,000 a year for home mission work in Alaska and the Presbyterian church about \$40,000 and they can do anything they choose. By occupying one place at a time and planting ourselves, as we are doing in Juneau, we shall soon have a strong hold in Alaska, providing we can develop the matter of self support in our charges, and I think we can."

Just one more quote from this first superintendent's report: "One year ago Bishop Hamilton sent a new set of men to Alaska and as soon as possible all were on the ground. We were taken from good churches and fine congregations, and sent to the picket line where there is not much of either, but no man has shirked and no one has complained." What a tradition to follow.

On April 4, 1975, the Rev. G. Edward Knight, first resident superintendent of the Alaska Mission, died at Coshocton, Ohio. He came to Alaska from the Montana

Conference and was appointed to Juneau and served there until June of 1941 when he was appointed the Mission Superintendent and pastor of Seward. From June of 1944 until June 1949 he served a resident superintendent of the Mission and helped found First Methodist Church, Anchorage. The street on which the present Mission House is located was named in his honor, as "Knight's Way." Rev. Knight returned to the Pacific Northwest until retirement. He was a great soul.

THIS TOOK PLACE IN 1974-75

Robert and Doris McNabb and family arrived at their new appointment at Douglas after conference and the congregation has responded well to their pastoral leadership. On September 15, the Juneau United Methodist Church held its last charge conference and voted unanimously to unite with the Northern Light United Presbyterian Church. The Presbyterian congregation, meeting in a separate location in the church, voted to do likewise with the United Methodist Church. Later in the evening both congregations met together and reaffirmed their earlier separate action and the union was established, after the two congregations had worshipped together for nearly a year. The same evening Northern Light Church called as their pastor John R. Tindell and Bishop Tuell appointed him effective Monday, October 7, 1974. Bishop Tuell appointed Roger W. Thompson as pastor of the East Anchorage United Methodist Church effective October 7, 1974. We welcome the Thompson family back after a period of seven years service in the New York Conference.

Several of our institutions have had leadership changes. Shortly after conference, C. Donald Denning, administrator for Maynard-McDougall Memorial Hospital, resigned and was replaced by John R. Lloyd. After many years of service, first with Jesse Lee Home and later with Alaska Children's Services, Richard Gilbert resigned and left in October, and John Garvin was selected as the new executive director. We welcome him and his family from the Western Pennsylvania Conference. During the early summer Barbara Shaffer was selected as director of the Nome Community Center, later to resign to accept the appointment as Governor Hammond's assistant for the Northern region. Later Rose Ann Timbers was selected to carry on the work of the Center as the Executive Director. By late August, the United Campus Ministry at Fairbanks selected Rev. Everett Wenrick, an Episcopal priest, and Sister Ellie Brown to replace Rev. Robert Nelson and Sister Judy, as the team to give leadership to our ecumenical campus work at Fairbanks. Mary Lou Hollett replaced Betty DeVore as President of United Methodist Women when the DeVores were transferred to Oregon Conference last June. This June, two staff persons in the National Division related to Alaska, Dr. Paul Stauffer and Rev. Homer Noley, will be leaving. We express to them our appreciation for their leadership and counsel. We have been pleased to work with Dr. Bernard Cook as Field Representative for Church Extension who replaced Dennis Fletcher last year. There has been only one birth in our parsonage homes this year: a son, Brian Bruce, born to Kathleen and Bruce Bartel on Jan. 4, 1975. Our love and best wishes go to Richard and Dianne Morrison after three years of service as Educational Director and Youth Coordinator for the Tri-Anchor Parish. The parish has done an extensive study of their parish structure. While they still intend to remain a larger parish, the Jewel Lake Church has called Don Hartman as their first full-time pastor and he now awaits appointment by Bishop Tuell at this session of the Conference.

The Mountain Point Church building that is no longer in use for church purposes was sold by the Ketchikan United Methodist Church for \$21,321.08 and after other expenses were deducted, the balance was forwarded to the National Division. The Ketchikan Church has made a request to the National Division for a grant of \$10,000 from the sale to be credited to their mortgage indebtedness and the St. John Church is requesting the National Division for the balance left to be a grant for their building project.

As of January 28, 1975, action was taken by the City and Borough of Juneau School District to take over the lease from the Forest Service to the John D. Argetsinger Camp north of Juneau, on terms mutually agreed on between the school district, the United Methodist Camp board director, and the National Division.

"The Bridge" has now completed one full year of publication under the editorship of

Don Hartman. Our thanks goes to him and the churches that helped in the preparation for mailing.

The Mission is again to be congratulated on paying 100% of the assigned pro-rates, Ministerial Support, Connectional Administration, and World Service. I have a letter from United Methodist Communications informing us that the Alaska Missionary Conference was one of the 19 conferences out of 76 that contributed 100% or more of their apportionments to World Service. We were also informed that we paid 16.6 cents per member to the Human Relations offering which was the highest contribution per member of any conference. Congratulations to our United Methodist Church in Fairbanks on their offering for One Great Hour of Sharing in the amount of \$2,410.63

Statistics are not always easy to evaluate. The total membership of the Mission is down another 105 from last year's 3,486 to 3,381. Average church attendance is up 209. Removal of members by Charge Conference action and withdrawal was 352, a decrease of 135 over last year. Almost every church is coming to grips with the problem of "dead timber" on their rolls, largely due to the extreme mobility of our Alaskan population and the reluctance of newcomers to involve themselves to the extent of membership commitment. My candid observation of United Methodist Churches in Alaska, after close observation for six years, is that we are far stronger and more productive than our statistics show. I do feel that our evangelistic thrust is not as strong and effective as it should be. On Confession of Faith, we made a gain of 10 over last year for a total of 121. This means that each charge which includes several circuit churches, received only 7 members on confession of faith in a year. Only 61 were enrolled in confirmation classes, a drop of 36 from last year, while only 36 from our church school joined the church on confession of faith, a drop of 50% over last year. However, average attendance for church school was stronger than might have been expected with only a drop of 41 per Sunday.

On the plus side of the ledger, general Advance Specials increased from \$2,092 to \$5,189, a gain of \$3,092. World Service and Conference Benevolences giving was up \$519. The value of church buildings, land and equipment increased over \$447,722, while parsonage values increased \$152,206. Church indebtedness decreased by \$33,887. Cash received for the Pipeline Ministry was \$1,489 and Native Ministries \$887. Pastor's salaries increased by \$27,351. Last year we reported salary increases at only \$3,442. Thus the combined planning of the Finance and Administration, and Equitable Salary Committees are bringing solutions to the salary problem and the churches have cooperated 100%. Further salary recommendations will be before this session of conference.

Significant evangelistic thrusts have taken place this year. After a year's planning, a layman and pastor from each of our churches met in Anchorage at the East Anchorage United Methodist Church, Sept. 22-26, 1974, to participate in an evangelism program known as "Euriskon." The workshop was led by the Euriskon founder, the Rev. Mr. Barry Johnson, Chicago, and his associate Randy Roche. Euriskon evangelism is a free-flowing style of program which is geared toward inspiring members to a greater quality of churchmanship. The program, normally spanning five days, covers presentation of folk music and group activities to make the message live in the hearts and lives of the participants.

Two teams made up of Alaska pastors, August Aamodt and Jim Fellers, along with Bill Trudeau and Don Hartman, were selected to lead other Euriskon events in the state. Two such programs have taken place: one in Homer and the other in Ketchikan.

Plans for other Euriskon events are now in the making.

Anchor Park had the first New Life Mission held in Alaska, led by George Morris of the General Board of Discipleship. Evangelism was emphasized strongly in Nome on an interchurch basis when our United Methodist Church provided the services of Rev. Walter Albritton, Mobile, Alabama, for a preaching mission in April. On Sunday, May 18, First United Methodist in Anchorage held a Human Resurgence Mission with guest evangelistic leaders, Jim Addington of Chicago and Dixie Deines of Los Angeles.

The consultations between the Alaska Mission Conference and the National Division started March 19, 1974 and have continued with three sessions this conference year: New York, Sept. 10-12, Portland, Jan. 14-16, and back in New York, May 7-9. The Alaska team this year has been Jack Townshend, Grace Wilson, Bill Trudeau and the

Superintendent. Bill Trudeau, after the Portland meeting, communicated a summary statement to the churches as to the progress of the committee. He has prepared another report for the conference to consider at this session. Our team expresses its appreciation to Dr. Paul Stauffer for the fine way he has conducted the consultation session.

May 9-10, the National Division committee on General Conference legislation extended an invitation to each of the Missionary Conferences, through their respective bishops, for a delegation of three to meet in Chicago to discuss proposed legislation. Bishop Jack Tuell appointed Jack Townshend, Bill Trudeau, and the superintendent.

The conference may want to send some petitions to General Conference dealing with matters of legislation relative to the nature of the Missionary Conference in the future. It is quite evident from the Chicago Conference that missionary conferences have little in common other than name. Even the concept of the missionary conference may be in jeopardy at the 1976 General Conference.

OTHER CHALLENGES THAT CONFRONT US

Ray Baines is completing 13 months as Director of Alaska Native Ministries. An advisory board has been formed. A good deal of Ray's work is that of an ombudsman. He serves on a number of advisory and policy-making committees. He has a deep concern in the field of Native Education and since the first of the year focused attention on the need of natives being involved in decision making in post-secondary education. The advisory committee, the superintendent, and Ray are struggling to find the most productive direction that the Alaska Native Ministries should take. One phase of the study that Jim Davis, Director of Research and Survey of the National Division, will be helping us to set up will be guidelines for this important ministry.

We now have three Alaskans attending theological schools: Bill McClanahan finishing his first year at Emory; Art Knight, second year at our Ohio Theological School; and Thomas Lenhart, who is completing his three years at Garrett and has been accepted in a Ph.D. program in the field of History of Christianity. We had anticipated Thomas' return to Alaska until he was accepted in the graduate school. It is quite likely that Art Knight will be applying to the National Division for appointment to Alaska next year.

By now we had anticipated that we would have a United Methodist missionary serving as a chaplain on the pipeline. Three men presently are under consideration and we hope we will have a chaplain serving on the pipeline by mid-June. Our Alaskan churches have responded to the project by cash and pledges of some \$3500. The remainder of the conference support for the project has been pledged by the National Division through the Advance. This is a cooperative project which will continue to need support from our Alaskan churches.

Due to pipeline construction we are realizing in our economy inflation on top of inflation. Last week we were told that inflation in Anchorage had risen 16% since a year ago April. This causes immediate problems in relation to our pastors' salaries, particularly those on the base salary.

We are now at a point in time when we need to take a good look at where the Conference has been and where it ought to be going in the next ten years. The question is raised as to how soon can the Conference achieve self-support, what should be our priorities, what projects should we invest our time and resources, what direction should our native ministries take, etc. Through the combined efforts of our Council on Ministries, the Consultation Committee, and the National Division, a program to achieve our own evaluation and self-direction is being presented to the Conference. James Davis is here to assist us in this study and help us set goals to achieve the objectives we set for ourselves.

The Lay-Clergy Conference planning committee, co-chaired by Bob Bowers and Jack Townshend, has done its homework and has a challenging program arranged for October 10-12 at Birchwood. Plans now call for two lay persons and the pastor from each church. The leadership committee for this event is superb—Dr. and Mrs. Jameson Jones, Bishop and Mrs. Jack Tuell, and Dr. Randolph Nugent.

At the fall meeting of the Conference Council on Ministries, Danita Trudeau was appointed to be the Coordinator of the Council. It has been in need of someone to help

it carry through its programming. The council, with her gracious but firm leadership, is becoming a more productive arm of the Conference.

Continuing education is an important item in the effective ministry of a pastor. Several of our pastors have been able to work out a significant block of time away from the parish within the guidelines set forth in the personnel manual. I encourage more pastors to take advantage of various continuing educational programs and work with their pastor-parish committee and superintendent to make this possible.

We now have two union churches—Presbyterian and United Methodist: Northern Light United Church, Juneau, and the Jewel Lake Church, Anchorage. The Jewel Lake Church operates as a part of the Tri-Anchor Parish made up of Trinity Presbyterian, Turnagain United Methodist and Jewel Lake. As of January 15, 1975, a new native Presbyterian church was organized in Nome, meeting in the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist pastor, John Shaffer was appointed by the Presbyterian Church as Temporary Supply and Acting Pastor of the Nome Presbyterian Church. There are discussions now for the development of a larger parish which would include the two Presbyterian Churches on St. Lawrence Island, Gambell and Savoonga, Nome Presbyterian Church and the Community United Methodist Church.

At the last session of the Missionary conference one of the goals set by the Conference Council on Youth Ministries was to develop a set of by-laws and a constitution that would be presented at this year's conference for adoption. Jim LaBau, Coordinator of Youth Ministries for Southeast Alaska, has helped our youth draft a proposal. Lori Larson of Juneau, the youth representative of the Conference Council on Ministries, attended the Western Jurisdictional UMCYM in San Francisco the first week in May, along with Glen Kulukhon of Nome. Lori was elected by the caucus of western youth to a seat on the UMCYM (United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries). There are only 20 Methodist youth from throughout the U.S. for this board and we are highly honored to have Lori representing Alaska on the National youth council. Lori's travel to future national meetings will be paid, at least in part, by UMCYM's Youth Service Fund. You will note that the proposed Conference Council on Youth Ministries constitution and by-laws speaks to supporting this national youth service fund. We now have good reason for that support with this kind of return coming to us in Alaska.

August Aamodt's second Alaska work team to British Honduras was extremely timely coming shortly after the destruction which that country suffered. This year ten Alaska churches sent youth and adults on this project. Plans are underway for a third work team to British Honduras.

The Anchorage Fellowship of Churches is in the process of establishing a University Community Ministry. An ecumenical funding campaign has been in progress and it looks like enough funds are in sight to support a part time Protestant staff person to serve as a team with Catholic personnel.

Last week the regional ecumenical Western Regional Campus Ministry staff team was in Anchorage consulting with the Anchorage Fellowship of Churches committee on campus ministry. On the regional team was Rev. Samuel Kirk, staff member of the United Methodist Division of Higher Education, assigned to work as one of the Western Regional staff with United Ministries in Higher Education based in Denver. A task force, appointed by the Council on Ministries, is in the process of studying student work in Higher Education both at Fairbanks and Anchorage. The study is not yet complete.

At the November 8, 1974 meeting of the Board of Trustees of AMU, action was taken to close the school on June 30, 1975 and to negotiate the sale of properties of the University to the University of Alaska. A negotiating team was appointed and on March 27, 1975, a memorandum of agreement was signed between the University of Alaska and Alaska Methodist University. All provisions hinged upon funding by the Alaska State Legislature. Early in April it became obvious that the House Finance Committee would not recommend funding the memorandum of agreement but desired to negotiate a lease sale by the state and increase the tuition grant program from \$1400 to \$1850 for AMU. These proposals were voted by both houses of the legislature and the Governor signed the bill on Saturday, May 31, 1975. AMU's Board of Trustees voted to accept the lease sale to the State of Alaska and are now trying to determine if it is possible to operate

AMU for another year on the amount of funding the State will provide. The full board of AMU will meet July 2nd to make critical decisions concerning AMU's future.

PERSONAL WORD

In conclusion, a word of appreciation to Bishop and Mrs. Jack Tuell for their gracious and effective leadership of the Alaska Missionary Conference and the faithful service of the two secretaries who have served the Mission Office: Gretchen Dombbecki who left in December to await the birth of her first child, and Mary Thompson who has so efficiently served the past six months.

In this year of the black gold rush, the spirit of the words of Superintendent Parsons in 1904 expressed appreciation to our missionary families and lay persons in our churches when he concluded his report to that first Mission Conference, "We were taken from good churches and fine congregations, and sent to the picket line where there is not much of either, but no one has shirked, and no one has complained."

D. OTHER REPORTS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONFERENCE ACTIONS

1. *Lay Clergy Leadership Training Conference.* Montaigne once said, "I believe it to be true, that dreams are the true interpreters of our inclinations" and in this instance, we agree, for Jack Townshend had a dream of Laymen and Pastors meeting together for training. He was then inclined to lead our conference in that direction. Thus, at the last Conference session the Alaska Missionary Conference approved and funded the Lay-Clergy Leadership Training Conference for the fall of 1975.

September 24 of the year past, pastors and lay representatives attending the Euriskon event at East Anchorage discussed, made suggestions, and appointed an executive committee to develop and implement the program. Several meetings followed which produced what promises to be the training event of the year.

The date will be Friday evening through Sunday afternoon on October 10-12 at Birchwood Camp. The theme is the name: Lay-Clergy Leadership Training Conference. The registration fee is \$10.00 per person. The "top drawer" leaders for the conference are our own Bishop Tuell who will focus upon understanding the structure and function of the United Methodist Church, Marji Tuell and Bonnie Jones who will be dealing with the topic, "Women in the Church and World," Dr. Randolph Nugent, Associate General Secretary of the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church who will be bringing us up to date on recent developments within the National mission scene, and Dr. Jameson Jones and his wife Bonnie from Iliff School of Theology, who will be our process, devotional, inspirational, and training team.

The pastor, lay leader, and one other leading layman from each church in the Missionary Conference are to attend. Churches that are represented are to have developed a set of goals towards which they are moving or hope to move so that they can share them at the Conference.

2. *Proposed Personnel Policies and Procedures for the Alaska Missionary Conference.* (This document is printed as it was amended by the Alaska Missionary Conference at its 1975 Annual Conference. These amendments are strictly advisory to the National Division and are in no way to be construed to be binding.)

(1) *Purpose and Scope:* The purpose of this Personnel Statement is to provide orientation for home missionaries appointed to the Alaska Missionary Conference as pastors, superintendents, or under A.M.C. special appointment (i.e., Director of Alaska Native Ministries, Pipeline Chaplain, etc.). These persons are hereinafter referred to as A.M.C. Home Missionaries. The statements following are based upon both the adopted policy of the National Division and precedents within the Missionary Conference. Apart from Disciplinary limitation, the procedures outlined here may be amended as necessary by the National Division in consultation with the Alaska Missionary Conference.

All personnel ordained or unordained, commissioned or non-commissioned, employed by the United Methodist agencies or institutions located in Alaska are considered employees of the agencies, subject to the personnel policies and practices of the Alaska Missionary Conference or the Office of Deaconess/Home Missionary Service.

All policies, however, are in harmony with the policies and procedures of the National Division.

(2) *Personnel Selection and Assignment:* The selection and assignment of personnel to the Alaska Missionary Conference is by the National Division which utilizes the service of the Office of Missionary Personnel. Approved individuals may be commissioned for service in accordance with standard procedure coordinated by the Office of Missionary Personnel.

Spouses who are recognized as "missionaries" should be entitled to commissioning and those who view themselves to be "spouses of missionaries" should stand free of any requirement to be commissioned (See Appendix 1).

Irrespective of commissioning, spouses of missionaries are expected to conceive their own vocational role in terms of mission intentionality.

Initial assignment to the Alaska Missionary Conference as a pastor is normally for four years. Continued service within the Conference shall be based upon an annual evaluation and the availability of appointment.

Each minister appointed to the Alaska Missionary Conference maintains membership in his own Annual Conference. The minister is given a Special Appointment by the Bishop of that Annual Conference to the National Division for assignment to the Alaska Missionary Conference. Upon termination of service in Alaska a minister is subject to appointment by the Bishop of the Annual Conference in which membership is held. During a term of service all pension and benefit program matters are transferred to the Missionary Conference.

(3) *Evaluation and Review:* An in-depth, written evaluation and a personal interview of those serving as pastors or under Alaska Missionary Conference appointment are to be made annually by the Bishop, the Superintendent, and a representative of the National Division Administration.

Such an annual review is designed to assist those persons in their performance of their ministry and in the consideration of their continued service within the current appointment system of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Evaluations during the third year of service should be particularly intensive in terms of continuation or reassignment within the Conference.

This review process may be conducted during the week of the annual Pastors' and Wives' Retreat, but at a time other than the Retreat itself. In the case of pastors this review process would be seen as being complementary to the local church Pastor-Parish Relationship Committee Review.

The Office of Research and Survey shall create a new evaluation instrument for the evaluation of ministerial members of the Alaska Missionary Conference and submit it to the Mission Conference Superintendent for his consideration.

(4) *Appointment Provisions:* Charge appointments in the Missionary Conference are made annually by the Bishop.

The National Division will pay the cost of transporting the A.M.C. home missionaries and their immediate families from the home area to the Alaska Missionary Conference. Travel expense is authorized up to the equivalent cost of travel over the most direct route and by the most reasonable means. A travel advance may be provided with an accounting required after the destination is reached.

The National Division will pay shipping costs in bringing a vehicle to Alaska at the beginning of service and in returning it at the conclusion. This provision does not include vacation time en route. In most instances it is expected that the family will drive a personal vehicle at least to Seattle before shipping it to Alaska.

The National Division will pay shipping costs on personal goods and furnishings up to 2,000 pounds for a single person, 3,000 pounds for a couple, and 400 pounds for each child, together with the cost of having the mover pack china and glassware and the cost of packing boxes used by missionary personnel in preparing other items for moving. Insurance coverage for basic household furnishings will also be provided by the National Division. Costs for additional packing, other insurance such as that for art objects and souvenirs, and excess poundage are the responsibility of missionary personnel. The pastor may make his own moving arrangements, providing the cost to the National

Division does not exceed what the division would normally pay for his moving expenses.

Copies of these moving policies, together with other relevant information shall be provided pastors whenever a move is contemplated. On the occasion of a move, pastors shall receive a copy of whatever document of agreement between the National Division and the moving company is available, to which shall be affixed the signatures of all related parties—National Division, Alaska Missionary Conference, Moving Company, and pastor.

Inasmuch as parsonages within the Alaska Missionary Conference are provided with furnishings, families generally will wish to ship only books, linens, clothing, personal objects, tableware and kitchen utensils.

The National Division will pay the cost, also, of shipping A.M.C. home missionary's books by parcel post at fourth class rates, provided that the total weight does not exceed 1,000 pounds per family.

In the event of death or apparent mortal illness of an A.M.C. home missionary's immediate family, the National Division will provide transportation funds making it possible to be with the family in such a time. The same provision applies to the missionary's spouse. Arrangements are made through the Conference Superintendent and the Office of Ethnic and Language Ministries of the National Division.

Ministers appointed to the Alaska Missionary Conference are enrolled automatically in the Minister's Reserve Pension Fund plan for the Missionary Conference and discontinued in their Annual Conference plan for the duration of their appointment. The minister's Annual Conference shall be urged to consider funding the difference between the Alaska Missionary Conference pension rate and that of the minister's home conference.

(5) *Provisions for Moves within the Alaska Missionary Conference:* The National Division will pay the cost of moving A.M.C. home missionary families between appointments within the Alaska Missionary Conference. The maximum to be paid will be mileage at the current rate agreed upon by the Alaska Missionary Conference and the National Division. Exceptions to this rule include: Marine or air transportation coverage for a family and vehicle when assigned to or transferred from Nome; marine ferry costs plus food and lodging when transferred to or from Sitka, Ketchikan, Juneau, or Douglas.

Weight limitations and regulations pertaining to packing, insurance, etc., apply as outlined in the previous section (4).

(6) *Voluntary and Involuntary Termination:* Alaska Missionary Conference home missionaries voluntarily terminating service in Alaska prior to four years of service will pay the cost of returning to their home Conference or equivalent distance based upon the service time as follows: $\frac{3}{4}$ of the cost after one year; $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost after two years; and $\frac{1}{4}$ after three years.

A.M.C. home missionaries involuntarily terminating service in Alaska at the convenience of the National Division or in cases of special emergency terminations, will have the cost of returning to their home Conference or equivalent distance paid by the National Division.

Weight limitations and regulations pertaining to packing, insurance, etc., apply as outlined in the previous section, (4).

(7) *Furlough and Sabbatical Provisions:* A furlough of one month is provided every other year for A.M.C. home missionaries. Transportation costs for the travel of the entire family back to their home Conference are covered in this instance by the National Division.

Upon request of the National Division or the Division of Education and Cultivation, the home missionary may engage in up to one week of itineration and cultivation. This time may be added to the one-month furlough.

A.M.C. Home Missionaries are eligible for up to four months leave for professional development with full salary, after five years of service in Alaska. Vacation time may be added to time allowed for sabbatical leave. Approval of a sabbatical leave would have to be worked out among the Superintendent of the Alaska Missionary Conference, the National Division (related administrative office and the Office of Deaconess/Home Missionary Service), the local church involved, and the Board of Ministry of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

The Conference Board of Ministry shall review, prioritize, and process applications for sabbatical leave in light of funding available from the Conference Fund for Ministry, Deaconess and Home Missionary Fund, salary coverage, turnaround pay, and the availability of adequate replacement personnel.

Arrangements for a sabbatical year would need to be negotiated with a person's home conference. Neither the Alaska Missionary Conference nor the National Division would be in a position financially or servewise to handle that sized request.

(8) *Financial Considerations:* Under Disciplinary provisions (Paragraph 892.2) an Alaska Missionary Conference Commission on Equitable Salaries has been established to recommend the support necessary for each charge.

A formula based upon the cost of living in Anchorage, Alaska is used to determine minimum salaries, plus an increment related to years of service. The basic salary is adjusted in accordance with the cost of living in other parts of the state.

The salary of each Alaska Missionary Conference home missionary serving under procedures outlined here will terminate on the effective date of the termination of the missionary's appointment to the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Under special circumstances when there is a lapse of time between appointments, the Superintendent shall negotiate compensation with the receiving Conference and/or the National Division.

(9) *Parsonages:* Parsonages are provided for pastors and the superintendent with essential furniture and other furnishings (exclusive of linens, cooking utensils and tableware). Equipment provided also includes automatic washers and dryers, refrigerators and home freezers but does not include phonographs, TV sets or special children's furniture (see also A.M.C. Suggested Guidelines).

Pastor's Study: Please refer to Alaska Missionary Conference suggested guidelines. Contact the Superintendent for specific information.

Utilities: All charges offer full utility coverage for the parsonage.

Content Insurance: Parsonages have insurance coverage only on furniture and furnishings provided. Personal property of families is not covered and should be placed under personal insurance.

(10) *Vehicle Expense:* Expenses of personally-owned vehicles are provided by local churches in the case of business use. Allowances for vehicles are determined locally in accordance with guidelines adopted by the Alaska Missionary Conference.

The National Division is no longer responsible for owning, maintaining or transporting vehicles for A.M.C. home missionaries within the Alaska Missionary Conference. Exceptions to this rule include marine or air transportation coverage for a vehicle when personnel are assigned to or transferred from Nome; marine ferry costs when personnel are assigned to or transferred from Sitka, Ketchikan, Juneau, or Douglas; and like transportation costs for replacement of vehicle should personnel continue to serve in Nome beyond a tenure of four years.

(11) *Conference Office:* The Missionary Conference Superintendent functions in the Missionary Conference as a District Superintendent. In addition he serves as a field coordinator for the National Division.

The joint appointment/assignment of the Superintendent to the Alaska Missionary Conference is made by the presiding Bishop and the National Division.

The superintendent shall be evaluated annually by the Bishop and a National Division representative. The job description, evaluative design and process shall be developed jointly by these two persons.

Pensions and death benefit coverage and half of the health insurance premium for the Superintendent are included in the Alaska Missionary Conference operating budget, to which the National Division will contribute.

The Missionary Conference Treasurer shares responsibility with the Superintendent for the receipt and distribution of assistance funds received from the National Division.

**APPENDIX NO. 1—SPOUSES OF HOME MISSIONARY CANDIDATES OR
WITH HOME MISSIONARY CANDIDATES WHO ARE SPOUSES**

Several factors in the home missionary appointment lead us to the necessity of giving special consideration to the spouse of a home missionary candidate or to the home missionary candidate who is a spouse.

1. Placement is often for one person who is particularly qualified for that position. In that case, the spouse's role is often uncertain.

a. If he/she is to be a home missionary, it depends upon their so electing and upon their being able to discover in the alternatives for missional action, involvement which is considered by them to be so fulfilling.

1. The spouse who is a home missionary may find his/her appropriate role in supporting the other's vocation and in his or her contribution to the family.

2. The spouse may be employed in the National Division agency; although it is to be recognized that some agencies do not permit the employment of relatives.

3. The spouse may be engaged in church-related, secular or self-employed professional work or volunteer activity which fulfills their mission purpose.

4. Unless there is direct employment of two persons by the National Division agency, personnel policies, including pension provisions apply only to the employed person.

5. The spouse's home missionary relationship places moral, spiritual and vocational restraints upon the person, but he/she has freedom to express vocational or missional purposes in employment which are seen as fulfilling.

b. In those cases in which each person's vocation is seen as personal and individual, the spouse may elect not to be recognized as a home missionary. In such cases the Committee on Personnel in Mission shall consider those factors which may weigh upon the involvement of the spouse of the home missionary, such as relocation, living conditions, education of children, health, climate, compensational data, support community, etc.

2. In a time of rising career expectations on the part of women, the Committee on Personnel in Mission and staff will be sensitive to the vocational intentionality of the spouse of the home missionary who is usually a woman.

3. There is a traditional understanding of the missionary relationship which, in recognition of the magnitude of cross-cultural movement in which both husband and wife share equally, incorporated both persons in that relationship. Although the conjunctive, corporate and cooperative involvement of both husband and wife in mission is to be supported, both the realities of the employment situation and of career expectations of candidates make it impossible to take this for granted. On the contrary, careful sharing of information, about candidates, employing agency, its mission strategy and mission opportunities in the community and alternate employment possibilities, when called for, are important. It is important that the role of the ND agency in the fulfillment of the vocational and missional purposes of home missionaries is made clear. It is further to be understood that the requirement of the filling of one salaried position by a missionary couple does not restrict the freedom of the spouse in his/her fulfillment of his/her missionary vocation in a variety of alternative activities including employment. The uncertainty which necessarily inheres in this freedom should not be construed as either a "put down" of the spouse or a denigration of the home missionary relationship which may be fulfilled by the spouse through such diverse patterns.

3. *Proposed Administrative Policies and Procedures for the Alaska Missionary Conference.* (This document is printed as it was amended by the Alaska Missionary Conference at its 1975 Annual Conference. These amendments are strictly advisory to the National Division and are in no way to be construed to be binding.)

Forward: These policies and procedures have no where else been collected in one place. The material outlined below constitutes a drawing together of material discussed in several contexts by the Continuing Consultation Committee of the Alaska Missionary Conference and the National Division staff. It is, therefore, more of a status report on several issues and NOT a comprehensive policies and procedures manual.

Missionary Conference Status: There is a consensus that Missionary Conference

status is for the present the preferable option for Alaska. Continued study needs to be made as to whether another option would serve more appropriately as an ultimate goal. No matter what the present or future status of the Conference may be, there is a continuing need to identify mission situations in Alaska and to develop a sense of the self-propagating nature of mission.

Relation of Agencies to A.M.C.: We affirm the importance of agency membership within the Conference as essential to the continuing development and implementation of a comprehensive mission strategy development and ministry. To achieve this potential:

a. As a minimum, provision shall be made for the membership of both the Conference Superintendent and the Conference President of the United Methodist Women, or her chosen representative, as ex-officio members with vote on the Board of Directors of all agencies receiving appropriations, Advance Specials, and supplementary gifts from the Board of Global Ministries through official channels (unless in conflict with the agency's by-laws). Their participation for at least one meeting each year shall be funded by the respective agencies as a part of the funding from the National Division. Where more than one agency exists within the community we recommend meetings be scheduled so that airfare costs can be shared.

b. Representation of the mission agencies by both the director of the agency and one additional representative elected by the Board of Directors of the agency as full members of the A.M.C. (In the event total agency membership exceeds $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total membership of the Conference in session, representation of agencies shall be rotated by a process to be determined by the Conference Council on Ministries.)

c. Reports of the activities of each agency shall be made annually by:

- printed reports in the Pre-Conference Handbook of the A.M.C.
- participation in the strategy session of the Conference Council on Ministry.
- an oral report to the Conference session.
- a sharing of information regarding budget askings from the United Methodist Church.

- a yearly total financial report in the Pre-Conference Handbook of the A.M.C.

- a channeling of all Advance Special requests and appeals for special grants through the Conference Council on Ministries for review and endorsement.

d. One meeting of the Conference Council on Ministries each year shall be designated as a time for mission strategy development at which both representatives from the agency shall be present to:

- give a summary of the year's activities.
- share with other agencies and the Council on Ministries their goals and objectives for the year.
- present budget askings for the future as related to goals and objectives.
- strategize with the Conference Council on Ministries for more adequate ministry by the United Methodist Church within Alaska.

(More work needs to be done on the relationship of the Conference Superintendent to the channel of communication between the National Division and the agencies within the Alaska Missionary Conference.)

Alaska Native Ministries: (The Alaska Missionary Conference affirms with appreciation the work of the director of Alaska Native Ministries, Ray Baines, since its inception. A re-negotiation of the job description by Ray Baines in "Revised Job Description" [with an additional priority of working with Alaska Missionary Conference Congregations] with the advisory committee will be done at a meeting June 28, 1975.) The work of the director shall remain under the guidance of an advisory committee or its successor body and the Conference Superintendent. The director is requested to file an annual report to the Alaska Missionary Conference through the Council on Ministries. Relating pastorally to native Alaskans and responding to emerging needs throughout Alaska have priority as time and funds permit.

Lay Ministries: The Alaska Missionary Conference should explore possibilities of developing lay speakers', lay pastors', and (if possible under the provisions of the Discipline) worker-ministers' training programs in consultation with the Board of Discipleship and Higher Education and Ministry and Alaska Methodist University. The National Division will support potential lay church leadership among Native Alaskans.

Function of the Superintendent: The Conference Superintendent functions in the Missionary Conference as a District Superintendent. In addition he/she functions as a field coordinator for the National Division. While not the liaison between agencies in Alaska and the appropriate staff person of the National Division, he/she should be kept informed on major issues facing the institution and may serve as a communication facilitator between the project and the National Division.

The moving of A.M.C. Home Missionaries will be handled through the office of the Superintendent. A yearly allowance will be set aside for moves and the year-end balance can be carried over in a fund designated for this purpose to allow for variations in the number of moves that may occur yearly.

Property and Insurance: The National Division is increasingly concerned about the "ministry of property" and is less willing to give it away without review. However, titles to property may be transferred to local units as feasible. Feasibility is to be determined by a set of guidelines indicating the local capability to maintain and care for property. Titles to properties in Alaska will continue to be held in New York until transferred to local units.

A uniform policy of insuring church property in Alaska while, at the same time, enabling increasing local self-support is to be developed. All church property and buildings will be eligible for uniform coverage under the National Division policy. The cost of coverage would be figured for each charge and the cost would be paid by the local charge to the Missionary Conference Office. The block grant to Alaska would be modified to include National Division support of the uniform coverage.

Pensions: An attempt is being made to coordinate the pension programs of the areas for which the Women's, World and National Division have responsibility. Until this is accomplished, the National Division will not provide funds for the raising of the pension rate in the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Advance Specials and Other Funding to Alaska: New categories designated for small items of equipment and innovative ministries are needed for the cultivation of Advance Specials to Alaska. It is understood that the Advance Office *will not cultivate* support for these categories; that a maximum of \$5000 a year will be approved for "small items of equipment" and a maximum of \$10,000 for "innovative ministries"; and that the Alaska Missionary Conference will evaluate, prioritize, and recommend particular projects to the National Division for final approval.

The Alaska Missionary Conference will participate in the new Advance emphasis known as Parish Partners, USA, which accents support of the total local church program rather than the pastor's salary alone, and which seeks to develop the concept of giving as a two-way process.

The Council on Ministries is the proper agency to review, evaluate, endorse and prioritize application for Advance Special Funding.

The Alaska Missionary Conference will, through the Council on Ministries, review and prioritize and make recommendations regarding all National Division funds to agencies, churches, and projects in Alaska. These recommendations will be factored into any decision regarding funding made in the National Division.

4. Proposed Disciplinary Legislation to be put before the 1976 General Conference Concerning Missionary Conferences.

The material which follows is a rough draft of disciplinary legislation which the National Division proposes to bring before the General Conference of 1976 for its adoption. The Alaska delegates to the Consultation Committee have had input to this legislation, but, the Missionary Conference has no power to alter it—only to make suggestions or suggest basic disagreements.

The Amendments are as follows:

Par. 654. Definition: A Missionary Conference is a conference which, because of its uniqueness, limited membership, ministry, financial strength and property, requires administrative guidance and large financial aid from the General Board of Global Ministries.

Par. 655. Organization: A Missionary Conference shall be organized in the same manner and with the same powers and functions as an Annual Conference (Par. 660-662) but with the following exceptions:

(1) The Council of Bishops shall provide episcopal supervision for such Missionary Conferences as are organized. The Bishop thus placed in charge and having episcopal supervision in cooperation with the Associate General Secretary of the Division of the General Board of Global Ministries having administrative responsibility shall appoint a conference and/or district superintendent(s) for such terms as may be mutually agreed. Appointments of Native American superintendents in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference shall be preferred.

(2) The conference superintendent and/or district superintendents, the lay leader, the heads of any institutions under the supervision of the General Board of Global Ministries, and the chairperson of any standing committees may be constituted by the Missionary Conference as a consultative body.

(3) The General Board of Global Ministries, through the assigned staff of the appropriate division, shall give general administrative guidance including setting up the administrative and promotional budgets and Advance projects within the conference, and in promoting new mission projects. The conference, in making requests for appropriations for support, including grants and loans for building projects, shall submit to the General Board of Global Ministries a statement of the proposed annual budget and the proposed financial plan for new mission and building projects. New work and building projects involving increased appropriations from the General Board of Global Ministries or increased askings from the Advance shall first have the approval of the Conference Board of Global Ministries or appropriate conference body.

(4) A Missionary Conference shall appoint a standing committee whose duty it shall be in consultation with the conference superintendent or district superintendents to make an estimate of the amount necessary for the support of each pastoral charge, either in full or supplementary to the amount raised by the charge, which shall be included in the budget submitted to the General Board of Global Ministries. Such estimates shall be subject to modification by the division of the General Board of Global Ministries immediately concerned.

(5) A Missionary Conference shall elect one minister and one lay person as delegates to the General Conference, with voice, but not vote.

(6) A Missionary Conference within the United States, shall elect one minister and one lay person as delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference, with voice but not vote. Missionary Conferences outside the United States may elect one delegate to the Central Conference, with voice but not vote. (Par. 630)

(7) A minister serving in a Missionary Conference may transfer his or her membership to a Missionary Conference. The privilege of retaining membership in a home conference shall be granted and special appointment without annuity claim, as a missionary under the General Board of Global Ministries may be made. No such special appointment shall exceed twelve (12) years.

(8) A Missionary Conference may retain in its membership representation of such mission agencies within its boundaries as it deems advisable: provided such representation shall not exceed a number equal to one-third of the total membership of the Missionary Conference.

Par. 656. Only the General Conference can create a Missionary Conference or change a Missionary Conference to a Provisional Annual Conference or an Annual Conference. A petition to the General Conference for change in status to or from a Missionary Conference shall set forth details of the history and status of the conference and shall be accompanied by a report and recommendations of the General Board of Global Ministries.

Par. 657. The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference shall have the same right as that given to Central Conferences in Par. 631.9.10 to make such changes and adaptations regarding the ministry and ordination of ministers as the effective use of indigenous leadership in the Missionary Conference may require; provided that no action shall be taken which is contrary to the Constitution and the General Rules of the United Methodist Church.

5. Petitions to General Conference from the Alaska Missionary Conference.

The petition which follows was drawn up by a committee appointed by the Annual Conference in its 1975 session. It was based upon recommendations of the Continuing

Consultation Committee members from the Alaska Missionary Conference in response to the proposed disciplinary legislation as printed in the immediate preceding section of this journal.

A PETITION: Memorial to General Conference regarding Section VII of "The Conferences" with special reference to "The Missionary Conference."

Whereas we are aware that some changes will be proposed to the General Conference relating to Section VII, The Missionary Conference, of the Discipline of the United Methodist Church, and,

Whereas there are some aspects of the proposed legislation from the Board of Global Ministries to General Conference with which we have strong disagreement, we resolve that:

1. Since some of the legislation proposed clearly applies only to those Missionary Conferences which request this special legislation, and, that,

2. We support unrestricted terms of ministerial service within the Missionary Conference,

3. Therefore, we petition General Conference to make these changes to the Discipline:

Par. 655.1: Add these words at the end: "However, appointment of the Alaska Missionary Conference Superintendent shall be limited to six years."

Par. 655.3: Remove: "with voice but not vote" at the end of the first sentence.

Add Par. 655.5: Each minister appointed to the Missionary Conference maintains membership in his/her home Annual Conference. During a term of service, all pensions and benefit program matters are transferred to the Missionary Conference, unless the home Annual Conference voluntarily makes other arrangements. Length of service in the Alaska Missionary Conference should be based upon an annual evaluation and the availability of appointments.

The two remaining petitions deal with other matters than those relating to Missionary Conferences.

A PETITION: Memorial to the 1976 General Conference regarding Par. 126, Affiliate and Associate Membership:

In the next to the last sentence, which reads: "Such membership shall entitle the person to the fellowship of that church, to its pastoral care and oversight, and to participation in its activities, including the holding of office, but that person shall be counted and reported only as a member of the home church.", change the phrase "including the holding of office" to read, "including the holding of all church offices and membership on the Charge or Church conference with right to vote on all matters except the sale of church buildings."

A PETITION: Memorial to the 1976 General Conference relating to Section XVI, The Local Church—committees. Paragraph 162.2, Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations:

We would propose an amendment to the last sentence in the fourth paragraph of this section which now reads: "It shall cooperate with the pastor, the district superintendent, and the bishop in securing pastoral leadership, and its relationship to the district superintendent and the bishop shall be advisory only." so that it would then read: "The committee shall be amenable to the Church or Charge Conference and it shall cooperate with the pastor, the district superintendent, and the bishop in securing pastoral leadership, and its relationship to the district superintendent shall be advisory only."

6. Recommendations of the Continuing Consultation Committee of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Because a significant amount of business has been referred to the Continuing Consultation Committee including most of the business of the Comprehensive Mission Strategy Study, and because the committee has proven valuable in opening lines of communication between the Alaska Missionary Conference and the staff of the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries and in opening communication between staff members of the National Division on matters concerning Alaska; and, because there is a high rate of staff turn-over within the National Division, as well as a regular change of

personnel and needs within Alaska, and because for maximum credibility at the Alaska Missionary Conference Level, delegates ought to be elected rather than appointed; the following items are proposed: (1) The current Continuing Consultation Committee shall meet through the end of the Quadrennium to complete the material assigned to it. (2) Members of the delegation from the Alaska Missionary Conference to the Continuing Consultation Committee shall be elected for a quadrennium by the Conference in order to ensure maximum credibility. (3) The Conference Council on Ministries shall be charged, during the coming year, to determine the best method of election of these delegates and to recommend a pattern for selection of delegates and (4) the Council on Ministries of the Alaska Missionary Conference shall study the possibility that committee membership shall be ex-officio from specific offices of the Conference and that the committee shall continue to be two lay persons, one clergy, and the superintendent.

7. Research Prospectus—Survey for Comprehensive Mission Strategy Development in Alaska. (The document which follows was prepared by James H. Davis, Research Director of the Research and Survey Department of the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. It was accepted as the basic guiding document for the Comprehensive Mission Strategy Development in Alaska Survey to be done this Conference year (1975-76).

Authorization: From time to time various groups have identified the need for a study.

At the September 10-11, 1974, meeting of the Alaska Continuing Consultation Committee it was agreed, "that the National Division Office of Research and Survey be authorized to gather data relative to the total mission needs of Alaska and to conduct a survey which would ascertain the potential among local churches in the Alaska Missionary Conference for assuming self-support." It was reported that the "Alaska Missionary Conference Council on Ministries is desirous of the study beginning as early as June, 1975."

At the 1974 Annual Meeting of the National Division Board of Directors (October 23, 1974) the recommendation that, "The National Division initiate a comprehensive area evaluation of the Alaska Missionary Conference relative to its consideration of the needs of native Alaskan people, ecologic and energy issues, implications of institutional racism, etc." was approved. It was further recommended that "The National Division develop in conjunction with the Board of Church and Society a program responding to needs of native Alaskan persons and issues raised by the Alaska Pipeline . . . that such measures be undertaken in close cooperation with the Director of Native Alaskan Ministries and the Superintendent." In addition the authorization for funds for "a minority chaplain (preferably a Native American) to minister on the Pipeline" was contingent upon "annual evaluation by the Alaska Missionary Conference and the National Division of the opportunity for effective ministry on the pipeline."

Objectives: Recognizing the various concerns which have been voiced, the objectives of the study are:

- (1) to gather data relative to the total mission needs of Alaska: local congregations, agencies, and unmet needs of the people of the state.
- (2) to provide information concerning the potential for self-support.
- (3) to gather information pertinent to planning for a program responding to the needs of Native Alaskans and issues raised by the Alaska Pipeline.

Methodology: As approved by the Alaska Continuing Consultation Committee (May 9, 1975), the study will have five parts: (1) long-range Financial Planning, (2) Comprehensive Area Evaluation, (3) potential for development of new work among Native Alaskans, (4) the Church and issues of ecology, economic development, rapid social change, and impact of the Pipeline, (5) preparation of interpretive materials.

Under the general supervision of the Continuing Consultation Committee, each of these parts will be related to some group in the Alaska Missionary Conference in addition to relationships with the staff of the National Division and Board of Church and Society.

1. Long-Range Financial Planning

Objectives: To provide information to the Conference and the National Division regarding the financial strength of each local church and mission agency, with special

emphasis on potential for self-support. *Relationships:* This part of the study will be done in consultation with the Conference Commission on Finance and Administration and the Equitable Salary Committee, the Advance Office, and the Office of Church Extension.

Methods: (1) The Finance Committee of each local church or agency will be asked to provide records for the past several years, a copy of their current budget and income records, and to project needed capital expenditures.

(2) The records of the Commission on Finance and Administration, the Equitable Salary Committee and the Advance Office will be analyzed and a report prepared.

(3) Ideas and suggestions currently being discussed by the Commission on Finance and Administration and the Equitable Salary Committee will be evaluated.

(4) In consultation with professional fund-raising consultants the possibility will be explored for developing a method of estimating the financial potential of local congregations. If possible, this method will then be implemented.

Reports: A written report will be prepared for the Equitable Salary Committee, the Commission on Finance and Administration, and the Continuing Coordinating Committee.

2. Comprehensive Area Evaluation

Objectives: (1) to catalog mission activities of the local congregations with emphasis upon community outreach, evangelism, service to non-members, and efforts to deal with the systemic aspects of social change.

(2) To collect planning documents, goal statements, evaluation reports, service statistics, etc., which provide statements of directions, goals, and objectives of the local churches and agencies and their current performance relative to those objectives.

(3) To identify general social, economic, cultural, or religious trends which influence the continued need for certain activities, or which illuminate areas where new programs are called for.

(4) To discover inter-relationships among the local churches and agencies, such as: cooperative programs, utilization, referrals, overlapping constituencies, mutual contributions, interlocking boards of directors, etc.

Relationships: This part of the study will be carried out in consultation with the Alaska Continuing Consultation Committee and will attempt to utilize materials which are being prepared for the Lay-Clergy Training Conference in October, 1975.

Methods: (1) Goal statements and evaluation reports will be collected from local churches and agencies.

(2) Literature search for relevant secular and church-oriented studies and position papers will be made, using various computerized information retrieval systems and personal interviews with selected agencies and specialists in Alaska.

(3) A semi-structured questionnaire will be developed concerning inter-relationships among local churches and mission agencies in Alaska and local church Councils on Ministries will be asked to complete this form.

(4) The Research Director and Superintendent will visit each church (or cluster) twice: In Fall, 1975 to pick up completed questionnaires, interview the pastors, and to conduct group interviews with local church Councils on Ministries concerning their objectives and their understanding of their mission, a second visit in the Spring of 1976 will be a Local Church Planning Conference.

3. Potential for Development of New Work Among Native Alaskans

Objectives: (1) To evaluate the extent of current ministries and programs serving Native Alaskans.

(2) To discover possible areas of unmet needs where the United Methodist Church is called to serve.

Relationships: The existing studies of the Native Alaskan Ministry Committee would be utilized. This part of the study would be done in conjunction with the Committee and may, in fact, be their study with the Research Director merely acting as resource person, as needed.

Methods: The methodology will be worked out later by the Native Alaskan Ministry Committee.

Reports: In some way, there will be a report from the Native Alaskan Committee to the Continuing Consultation Committee, the Conference Council on Ministries, and the Annual Conference.

4. The Church and Issues of Ecology, Economic Development, and Rapid Social Change

Objectives: (1) To discover existing and potential linkages between churches and agencies of the Alaska Missionary Conference and national, regional, and local organizations concerned with eco-justice, ethical implications of economic development and rapid social change.

(2) To develop an inventory of activities by government departments, native rights groups, the military and large corporations which have special significance for the present and future of the churches and/or people of Alaska.

(3) To discover the relationship of local churches to these issues: awareness, perceptions of various organizations, activities and programs related to these issues.

Relationships: The General Board of Church and Society has agreed to act as resource for this part of the study. It will also be related to the National Division Staff, Alaska Continuing Consultation Committee, and the Social Responsibility Commission of the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Methods: (1) Questionnaire to local church leaders, interviews with pastors, and group interviews with local church Councils on Ministries concerning their awareness of issues, perceptions of various organization, their participation in activities and programs related to these issues.

Inquiries to national, regional and local organizations to catalog their activities relative to Alaska and their perception of the present and potential role of the church in dealing with these kinds of issues.

Reports: (1) A written report and study questions will be prepared for use in local church planning conferences.

(2) Summary report of the data and the local churches' response to the data will be prepared for the Continuing Consultation Committee.

(3) Interpretive Articles may be written, depending on the results.

(4) Some portion of the data may be used in national study books on the church and social change.

5. Preparation of Interpretive Materials

Objectives: (1) To increase national awareness of the Alaska Missionary Conference, its needs and opportunities.

(2) To portray the United Methodist Church in Alaska as an example of ways in which the Christian Church can respond to human need and conditions of rapid social change.

(3) To cultivate mission giving and mission personnel recruitment for the Alaska Missionary Conference.

Relationships: Materials will be developed where the need is indicated by the Continuing Consultation Committee and/or the Education and Cultivation Division or Literature Committee of the National Division.

Methods: To be determined later as the specific end-products are identified.

Submitted May 22, 1975, by James H. Davis, Research Director

8. *The Constitution of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries [CCYM].*

Because of the difficulty of printing the document in its entirety, the Constitution of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries is not printed in the Journal. Copies, if desired, may be secured from the Conference office or from the Conference Council on Youth Ministries or their advisor.

9. *Report of the Committee on Appreciation.*

In remembrance of the many ways and times and lives that are given to fulfill the purposes of the Annual Conference session 1975 of the Alaska Missionary Conference we express gratitude and thanks to the following persons:

To Bishop and Mrs. Jack Tuell for their time and leadership during the sessions and their personal encouragements throughout their visit with us.

To Ac Wischmeier and Irene for their hospitality to Conference guests and Conference

members, for their leadership in administration, and for their concerns for the work of the mission and the families who serve in it.

To Bishop Kenneth Goodson and Martha for their service to the Annual Conference through the inspiration of their friendly and accepting spirit, and the challenging message of commitment.

To Ruby Lea DeBlasio for providing a colorful display of books and resources from the Circuit Rider Bookstore:

To Jim Davis for his presence at Annual Conference in order to become aware of the work of the mission and become more familiar with the persons who serve in it in preparation for the survey for strategy development.

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To Bob Bowers for his years inscribing as our Conference Secretary.

To AMU for the use of the auditorium and rooms for business.

To those committees and committee chairpersons who have stood before Conference to share ideas and knowledge.

To those families who provided housing for Conference delegates.

To First United Methodist Church of Anchorage for hosting Conference special events.

To Natalie Brooks for providing piano accompaniment for worship.

To Dick Morrison for his contributions to the planning of worship settings and services during Conference, and to him and Dianne as we wish them the best in their move to Columbus.

10. Reports of the Individual Churches and Institutions.

The reports of the individual churches and institutions of the Alaska Missionary Conference are printed in the Pre-Conference Handbook but are omitted from the Journal.

VI. ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE RULES

(See the 1975 Pre-Conference Handbook and p. 32 of this Journal)

VII. HISTORICAL SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

No.	Year	Place	Bishop	Supt.	Host
30.	1971	AMU — Anchorage	Sparks	Wischmeier	Davis
31.	1972	AMU — Anchorage	Sparks	Wischmeier	Picton
32.	1973	AMU — Anchorage	Tuell	Wischmeier	Picton
33.	1974	AMU — Anchorage	Tuell	Wischmeier	Picton
34.	1975	AMU — Anchorage	Tuell	Wischmeier	Gay

VIII. HISTORICAL ROSTER OF MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN ALASKA

(See the 1971 and 1966 Journals for the complete roster)

IX. THE ROLL OF THE DEAD

FORMER SUPERINTENDENTS OF UNITED METHODIST WORK
Edward G. Knight

PERSONS FROM THE CHURCHES OF THE ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE
Miriam S. Woodring, Anchor Park
Donald Morris, Kenai, Church of the New Covenant

BISHOPS AND WIVES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Bishop Arthur J. Moore
Bishop James H. Straughn
Bishop J. Gordon Howard
Bishop Paul Martin
Mrs. Charles (Julia) Brashares
Mrs. Edgar (Virginia) Love
Mrs. Alexander P. Shaw
Mrs. G. Bromley (Ruth) Oxnam

X. FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL MATTERS

A. Alaska Missionary Conference Budget for 1976

I. PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

A. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

1. Episcopal Fund—Apportioned for support of Bishops, Retired Bishops, and widows and children of deceased Bishops.
2. Pension and Death Benefit—Apportioned to provide pension and death benefits for the ministerial members of the Alaska Missionary Conference
3. Superintendent's Fund—Apportioned for support of the Missionary Conference Superintendent
4. Salary subsidy for non-self-support churches

TOTALS:

B. CONNECTIONAL ADMINISTRATION

1. Temporary General Aid—for equalization of pensions and salaries of former Central Jurisdiction members
2. General Administration of the U.M.C.
3. Interdenominational Cooperation Fund—for U.M.C. share of support of World and National Councils of Churches
4. Jurisdictional Fund—support of Western Jurisdiction
5. Ministerial Education Fund
6. Black College Fund
7. Conference Office Expenses
8. Annual Missionary Conference Sessions
9. Mission Conference Cars

TOTALS:

	ALASKA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE	NATIONAL DIVISION	1976 TOTAL
	\$ 2025	-0-	\$ 2025
	6942	-0-	6942
	4611	16671	21282
	<u>24588</u>	<u>70042</u>	<u>94630</u>
	\$ 38166	\$ 86713	\$124879
	\$ 706	-0-	\$ 706
	177	-0-	177
	118	-0-	118
	106	-0-	106
	1333	-0-	1333
	709	-0-	709
	6258	13922	20180
	1100	5800	6900
	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1400</u>	<u>1400</u>
	\$ 10507	\$ 21122	\$ 31629

C. WORLD SERVICE & CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

1. World Service Apportionment	\$ 2775	-0-	\$ 2775
2. Conference Benevolences			
a. Council on Ministries Program Expense	11470	\$ 3619	15089
b. Council on Finance and Administration	500		500
c. Contingency Fund	500		500
d. Alaska Native Ministries	2839	7846	10485
TOTALS:	\$ 17634	\$ 11265	\$ 28899
D. RECAPITULATION			
1. Ministerial Support	\$ 38166	\$ 86713	\$124879
2. Connectional Administration	10507	21122	31629
3. World Service & Conference Benevolences	17634	11265	28899
TOTALS:	\$ 66307	\$119100	\$185407

II. PROPOSED SOURCES OF INCOME

A. National Division		\$115500	\$115500
B. Alaska Sources			
1. Benevolent Reserves	2575		2575
2. Duplex Rental	3600		3600
3. Apportionments	54651		54651
4. A-V Library Fee	250		250
5. Salary support from local churches			
a. Self-support apportionment for salary support	3831		3831
b. Non-self-supporting churches contribution	5000		5000
TOTALS:	\$ 69907	\$115500	\$185407

B. Council on Ministries Budget for 1976

I. EXPENDITURES

A. CHRISTIAN NURTURE

1. Administration	\$ 30
2. Education	200
3. Youth Ministries	
a. Conference Council	975
b. Southeast Convocation	500
c. Southcentral Convocation	250
d. Honduras Workshop	200
4. Camping	
a. Nome	120
b. Southeast	400
c. Birchwood	1400
d. Fairbanks	160
5. Family Education	500
6. Audio-Visual Library	250
7. Pastor's and Wives' Retreat	2519
8. Historical Society	300
9. Worship Committee	100
10. Special Projects	500

\$ 8404

B. CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Information	100
2. Postage	50

150

C. CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

1. Mission	
a. Administration/Publicity	\$ 25
b. Mission Itineration	250
c. Ecumenical School Travel Pool	200
2. Evangelism	
a. Administration/Postage	25
3. Ecumenical Affairs	
a. Administration/Postage	10
b. Alaska Christian Conference	600
c. Church of the Epiphany, Valdez	300

1410

D. LAY ACTIVITIES AND TEMPORAL ECONOMY

1. Administration	25
2. Equitable Salary Committee	500

525

E. COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

1. Travel	2000
2. Publication, "The Bridge"	1300
3. Co-ordinator	
a. Salary	1000
b. Communication	125
c. Materials	75

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F. CONTINGENCY	100	100
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE

\$ 15089

G. RECAPITULATION

1. Christian Nurture	\$ 8404
2. Christian Social Responsibilities	150
3. Christian Outreach	\$ 1410
4. Lay Activities and Temporal Economy	525
5. Council on Ministries	4500
6. Contingency	100

\$ 15089

II. INCOME

A. National Division Block Grant

1. Birchwood Truck	\$ 1000
2. Pastor's and Wives' Retreat	1419
3. Christian Nurture	1200

\$ 3619

B. Audio-Visual Library Income	250
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C. Benevolent Reserves	<hr/> 1375	250
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D. Apportionments	<hr/> 9845	1375
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9845

\$ 15089

C. 1976 Apportionments — Alaska Missionary Conference

CHURCH	1975 GRADE		1976 GRADE		MIN. SUPP.	CONN. AD.	W.S. & C.B.	TOTAL
	POINT	POINT	POINT	POINT				
Anchor Park	9.11		8.40		\$3206	\$ 883	\$1433	\$5522
East Anchorage	6.16		7.15		2729	751	1220	4700
Anchorage, First	15.79		14.90		5887	1566	2542	11547
St. John	3.69		4.59		1752	482	783	3021
Girdwood	.24		.22		84	23	38	155
Turnagain	8.78		7.56		2885	794	1290	4969
Jewel Lake	1.29		1.70		649	179	290	1118
Chugiak	3.10		2.55		973	268	435	1676
Fairbanks	11.63		13.33		5088	1401	2274	8763
Homer	2.69		2.31		882	243	394	1519
Niilchik	.88		.83		317	87	142	546
Seldovia	.19		.25		95	26	43	164
Douglas	3.91		3.22		1229	338	549	2116
Juneau	5.08		5.43		2072	571	926	3569
Kenai	5.15		4.98		1901	543	849	3293
North Star	1.71		1.33		508	140	227	875
Soldotna	1.75		1.72		840	231	375	1446
Ketchikan	8.51		8.02		3061	843	1368	5272
Nome	3.40		3.99		1523	419	681	2623
Seward	2.48		3.07		1172	323	524	2019
Moose Pass	.41		.42		160	44	72	276
Sitka	2.91		3.55		1355	373	606	2334

D. Alaska Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church

BALANCE SHEET

ACCT. NO.	BALANCE 1-1-74	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE- MENTS	BALANCE 12-31-74
101 Office Salaries	93.28	8562.98	8656.26	-0-
102 Payroll Taxes	-0-	3409.96	3153.56	256.40
106 Workman's Compensation	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
200 Office Equipment	193.86	1034.57	1228.43	-0-
201 Legal & Accounting Fees	-0-	4200.00	4200.00	-0-
202 Office Operating Expenses	(2.00)	5846.40	5844.40	-0-
204 Office Rent	-0-	3676.64	3676.64	-0-
205 Display Advertising	14.20	2367.67	2320.22	61.65
301 Superintendent's Salary	-0-	8649.96	8649.96	-0-
302A Superintendent's Car All.	-0-	900.00	900.00	-0-
302B Superintendent's Travel	530.48	7668.60	8199.08	-0-
303 Superintendent's Enter.	-0-	600.00	600.00	-0-
304 Superintendent's Utilities	-0-	1200.00	1200.00	-0-
501 Mission Vehicles	-0-	1300.00	1300.00	-0-
600 Nome Special Fund	1857.67	11722.16	9260.09	4319.74
601 Minority Children	3919.52	-0-	550.00	3369.52
701 Home Mission Revolving	1180.10	25876.75	26447.96	608.89
706 Chugiak	-0-	6598.00	6598.00	-0-
708 Homer	-0-	7589.00	7589.00	-0-
709 Kenai	-0-	2683.00	2683.00	-0-
710 Soldotna	-0-	4285.00	4285.00	-0-
710A North Star	-0-	4285.00	4285.00	-0-
711 Jewel Lake	-0-	2000.00	2000.00	-0-
712 St. John	-0-	8306.00	8306.00	-0-
713 Nome	-0-	11949.00	11949.00	-0-
714 Seward	-0-	6000.00	6000.00	-0-
715 East Anchorage	-0-	2798.00	2798.00	-0-
717 United Campus Ministry	-0-	7056.00	7056.00	-0-
720 Sitka	-0-	6368.00	6368.00	-0-
721 Native Ministry Budget	-0-	11333.33	14455.44	(3122.11)
722 Coord., Coun. on Min.	-0-	500.00	500.00	-0-
801 Council on Ministries	-0-	1200.00	1200.00	-0-
802 Annual Meeting	147.90	4967.97	5115.87	-0-
803 Evangelism Mission	11.81	-0-	-0-	11.81
806 Birchwood Camp	305.06	4717.46	5022.52	-0-
1101 Church Extension Revolv.	7636.75	10902.32	12857.17	5681.90
1218 Hope Church Project	656.93	-0-	150.00	506.93
1308 Wesley House (U.C.M.)	3330.56	2800.69	6131.25	-0-
1320 Duplex, Anchorage	3999.29	7028.93	6575.45	4452.77
1402 Southeast Alaska Camp	3.00	-0-	-0-	3.00
Sub-Totals	23878.41	200383.39	208111.30	16150.50

ACCT. NO.	BALANCE 1-1-74	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE- MENTS	BALANCE 12-31-74
2000 Ministerial Support	(2010.15)	28523.65	26513.50	-0-
2012 Pension & Death Benefit	7311.76	8871.96	15364.16	819.56
3020 Connectional Administra.	-0-	11431.12	11431.12	-0-
3030 Ministerial Education	479.20	1333.00	1311.01	501.19
4030 World Service	(957.00)	16639.50	15682.50	-0-
4031 World Service Special	115.95	711.00	826.95	-0-
4032 General Advance Specials	516.80	6052.97	6569.77	-0-
4033 One Great Hour of Sharing	62.60	1101.97	1164.57	-0-
4034 World Wide Communion	436.18	647.15	1083.33	-0-
4036 Methodist Student Day	105.10	134.54	239.64	-0-
4037 Methodist Youth Fund	41.80	12.00	53.80	-0-
4038 Human Relations	10.01	524.80	534.81	-0-
4039 Alaska Methodist Univ.	2.25	197.78	200.03	-0-
4041 Reconciliation Fund	396.66	-0-	-0-	396.66
4044 Christian Education Sun.	-0-	603.10	603.10	-0-
4047 Alaska Childrens' Services	-0-	534.35	534.35	-0-
4048 Conference Adv. Specials	941.48	1886.56	2828.04	-0-
4049 Alaska Native Ministry	-0-	4038.28	2049.00	1989.28
4050 Pipeline Chaplaincy	-0-	1807.05	74.73	1732.32
5001 Christian Social Resp.	-0-	300.00	300.00	-0-
5021 Camping	700.00	1150.00	1850.00	-0-
5022 Anchorage Campus Minis.	500.00	774.22	1274.22	-0-
5023 Audio-Visual Library	-0-	296.46	296.46	-0-
5024 Age Level Budgets	20.56	4838.40	4858.96	-0-
5025 Commission on Worship	-0-	50.00	50.00	-0-
5026 Christian Nurture Admin.	-0-	155.00	155.00	-0-
5030 Lay Activities	-0-	50.00	50.00	-0-
5041 Ecumenical Affairs	-0-	1900.00	1900.00	-0-
5042 Missions	-0-	2832.22	2832.22	-0-
5043 Evangelism	-0-	3914.29	3914.29	-0-
5050 Pastors' School	299.86	2993.96	3293.82	-0-
5060 Council on Ministries	-0-	3092.48	3092.48	-0-
5065 Historical Society	-0-	154.00	154.00	-0-
5070 Contingency Fund	1275.02	700.00	700.00	1275.02
5080 Finance & Administration	-0-	500.00	500.00	-0-
5100 Cache of Songbooks	331.25	-0-	-0-	331.25
5102 Anchorage Youth Council	-0-	24.90	-0-	24.90
5103 United Meth. Youth Coun.	-0-	80.16	12.00	68.16
5200 Conf. Benev. Reserves	7933.85	12809.55	9430.70	11312.70
5716 Hospitalization Ins.	(890.14)	4904.49	5321.88	(1307.53)
Sub Totals	17623.04	126570.91	127050.44	17143.51
GRAND TOTAL	41501.45	326954.30	335161.74	33294.01

E. Statistical and Financial Tables of the Churches

STATISTICAL REPORT — January 1, 1974 - December 31, 1974

CHURCH & PASTOR	Total members at close of last year	Received on Conf. of Faith or Restored	Received from other U.M.C.	Received from other denom.	Removed by Chg. Conf. action or withdrawn	Removed by transfer to other U.M.C.	Removed by transfer to other denom.	Removed by death	Total Members at close of this year	Avg. attendance at principal weekly worship	Baptized this year	Prep. members now on roll
ANCHORAGE												
Anchor Park <i>Robert Bowers</i>	354	16	26	5	33	14	0	2	352	139	5	300
East Anchorage <i>R. Thompson</i>	209	25	31	7	22	8	2	0	240	140	21	75
First <i>Boone White</i>	570	11	31	3	54	38	6	1	516	175	16	127
St. John <i>David Fison</i>	141	10	25	2	42	2	7	0	127	100	8	60
Girdwood <i>David Fison</i>	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	10	0	7
Turnagain <i>W. Trudeau</i>	225	4	15	1	39	5	0	1	200	121	18	100
*Jewel Lake <i>R. Morrison & W. Trudeau</i>	28	5	1	0	0	1	2	0	31	30	1	12
Chugiak <i>E. Groves</i>	98	8	11	11	29	6	3	0	90	45	5	31
Fairbanks <i>R. Smith</i>	467	6	42	0	17	15	0	0	483	193	14	192
HOMER PARISH:												
Homer	59	4	6	2	6	0	0	1	64	45	0	0
Ninilchik	38	4	0	0	10	1	0	0	31	27	0	0
Seldovia <i>Keith Wise</i>	13	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	2	12	0	0
Douglas <i>R. McNabb</i>	61	1	8	0	4	3	0	0	63	50	4	26
*Juneau-N. Lt. <i>J. Tindell</i>	178	2	4	3	33	2	2	0	150	60	3	60
Kenai <i>Bruce Bartel</i>	170	1	5	2	0	11	0	1	166	77	5	117
North Star <i>A. Aamodt</i>	32	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	39	18	0	9
Soldotna <i>A. Aamodt</i>	74	4	3	10	0	0	0	0	91	53	3	42
Ketchikan <i>J. Fellers</i>	341	0	1	1	45	0	5	2	291	104	5	148
Nome <i>J. Shaffer</i>	163	0	5	0	3	1	0	0	164	50	1	87
Seward <i>M. Cramer</i>	112	2	6	3	4	0	0	1	118	41	2	27
Moose Pass <i>M. Cramer</i>	20	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	16	12	2	0
Sitka <i>D. Hartman</i>	129	13	5	0	0	6	0	1	140	50	11	33
TOTALS	3489	121	226	52	352	117	27	10	3381	1552	1221	454

*Half Reported because it is a Methodist/Presbyterian Ecumenical Church.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Number on Constituency Roll	Total Enrolled in Confirmation Classes	Number of Leaders	Children in all classes & groups (thru 6th grade)	Youth	Adults	Total Church School Members	Avg. Attendance in Ch. Sch.	Avg. attendance in ongoing grps. and classes	Avg. attendance in short-term grps. & classes	Members joining on Conf. of Faith	Membership in U.M.W.	Amt. Paid for Local Church & U.M.W. Community Work
75	10	12	50	15	30	107	85	25	30	10	20	246
100	3	14	88	23	31	156	98	0	113	3	15	800
128	4	13	34	25	35	107	52	11	12	3	50	300
40	9	14	90	20	50	174	125	0	20	9	15	1832
20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
130	9	31	39	24	20	114	60	0	6	1	23	208
10	1	2	12	5	0	19	15	7	6	0	0	0
54	0	10	50	10	18	88	50	10	8	0	10	0
77	10	31	132	46	69	278	113	26	73	0	36	984
0	0	8	45	10	8	71	35	0	15	0	10	16
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
0	0	0	3	17	0	0	20	14	0	0	0	0
48	0	9	26	8	21	64	31	14	10	0	18	0
175	0	4	8	13	14	37	23	10	10	2	0	350
57	0	14	69	35	21	139	78	7	58	0	21	301
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	14	52	11	18	67	42	13	8	0	25	52
72	0	21	75	36	29	161	73	35	74	0	20	133
0	0	10	40	10	20	80	40	20	10	0	30	942
14	2	6	10	12	7	35	14	9	10	1	14	87
7	0	3	3	2	8	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
10	8	8	32	37	29	106	50	15	35	7	0	0
<u>1017</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>882</u>	<u>348</u>	<u>428</u>	<u>1841</u>	<u>1007</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>503</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>313</u>	<u>6251</u>

PROPERTY & ASSETS

CHURCH & PASTOR	Value of Church, Land, Buildings, and Equipment	Value of Church Owned Parsonages and Furniture	Value of Other Assets (cash, bonds, other property, etc.)	Indebtedness on Land, Buildings, Equipment, Furn. and other assets	Other Indebtedness (current expenses, city assessments, etc.)
ANCHORAGE					
Anchor Park <i>R. Bowers</i>	272,000	40,000	15,000	33,000	0
East Anchorage <i>R. Thompson</i>	436,000	60,000	1,000	90,727	16,000
First <i>B. White</i>	1,100,000	74,000	26,000	38,293	0
St. John <i>D. Fison</i>	175,000	55,000	0	10,206	0
Girdwood <i>D. Fison</i>	40,000	0	0	350	0
Turnagain <i>W. Trudeau</i>	351,600	45,000	0	20,751	0
*Jewel Lake <i>R. Morrison & W. Trudeau</i>	100,000	0	8,726	23,225	0
Chugiak <i>E. Groves</i>	240,000	80,000	0	12,000	0
Fairbanks <i>R. Smith</i>	700,000	70,000	0	42,000	0
HOMER PARISH:					
Homer	150,000	80,000	1,974	0	0
Ninilchik	80,000	0	1,121	0	0
Seldovia <i>Keith Wise</i>	80,000	0	1,081	0	0
Douglas <i>R. McNabb</i>	133,000	38,712	14,697	0	0
*Juneau-N. Lt. <i>J. Tindell</i>	225,000	23,000	55,000	43,000	0
Kenai <i>Bruce Bartel</i>	187,000	44,000	0	16,792	0
North Star <i>A. Aamodt</i>	13,654	14,881	0	0	0
Soldotna <i>A. Aamodt</i>	66,067	56,975	0	7,400	0
Ketchikan <i>J. Fellers</i>	308,500	28,500	5,000	14,059	0
Nome <i>J. Shaffer</i>	350,000	65,000	2,500	0	0
Seward <i>Max Cramer</i>	130,000	70,000	8,000	0	0
Moose Pass <i>Max Cramer</i>	15,000	0	0	0	0
Sitka <i>D. Hartman</i>	104,000	32,000	0	9,000	0
TOTALS	5,246,821	877,068	374,099	360,803	16,000

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**1975 CASH SALARY, TRAVEL, SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICAL
INSURANCE PAID PASTORS**

Pastor	Cash Salary	Soc. Sec.	Total Cash Salary	Travel	Med. Ins.	Total Paid
Aamodt, A.	10247	371	10618	2950	310	13878
Baines, R.	9430	371	9801	1500	310	11611
Bartel, B.	9147	371	9518	1900	310	11728
Bowers, R.	11405	371	11776	1600	620	13996
Cramer, M.	10247	371	10618	2200	310	13128
Fellers, J.	10899	371	11270	1200	310	12780
Fison, D.	9930	371	10301	2800	310	13411
Groves, E.	9430	371	9801	2000	310	12111
Hartman, D.	9430	371	9801	1400	310	11511
McNabb, R.	9930	348	10278	1600	310	12188
Morrison, R.	8630	371	9001	2000	310	11311
Shaffer, J.	11233	371	11604	1600	310	13514
Smith, R.	12379	371	12750	1600	310	14660
Thompson, R.	9930	371	10301	1600	310	12211
Tindell, J.	14000	-0-	14000	1600	620	16220
Trudeau, W.	10735	386	11121	1600	350	13071
White, B.	12500	600	13100	1800	310	15210
Wischmeier, A.	12500	371	12871	900	310	14081
Wise, K.	9447	371	9818	2950	310	13078
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	201449	6899	208348	34800	6550	249698

FINANCIAL REPORT — January 1, 1974 - December 31, 1974

CHURCH & PASTOR	Principal & Interest on Indebtedness	Buildings & Improvements	Church School Expenses	Other Current Expenses	Miscellaneous Benevolences	U.M.W.	Total Pastors' Salaries	Total Pastors' Travel	Pastors' Utilities
ANCHORAGE									
Anchor Park <i>R. Bowers</i>	8909	1460	754	6577	419	567	10260	1400	1100
East Anchorage <i>R. Thompson</i>	7125	3219	1650	11182	585	400	8639	1600	1105
First <i>B. White</i>	12329	84084	1094	29671	693	1000	12800	1500	1200
St. John <i>D. Fison</i>	3729	3706	800	6288	285	163	8588	2000	1200
Girdwood <i>D. Fison</i>	166			161			52	600	
Turnagain <i>W. Trudeau</i>	7901	2203	768	16029	935	280	10735	1600	1600
*Jewel Lake <i>R. Morrison & W. Trudeau</i>		91	116	1543	90		4371	1000	1810
Chugiak <i>E. Groves</i>	160	4000	261	2234		150	3000	1200	1200
Fairbanks <i>R. Smith</i>	14815		1770	23053	1538	1175	12053	1600	2015
HOMER PARISH:									
Homer		796	637	4917	43	137	1925	500	1075
Ninilchik		1072	100	990			905	350	50
Seldovia <i>Keith Wise</i>			271	151			235	225	460
Douglas <i>R. McNabb</i>		6573	492	5266	345		8287	1267	874
*Juneau-N. Lt. <i>J. Tindell</i>	1250	1500	240	12081	600	350	6440	835	1590
Kenai <i>Bruce Bartel</i>	5257	924	881	4695	2021	410	8743	1504	925
North Star <i>A. Aamodt</i>				2265	1100	624	1012	900	900
Soldotna <i>A. Aamodt</i>	865	1273	393	2940			1002	802	600
Ketchikan <i>J. Fellers</i>	4232	721	479	10350	160	297	9700	1200	1634
Nome <i>J. Shaffer</i>			420	8239	174	396	1080	300	
Seward <i>Max Cramer</i>	1100	510	365	2790			3087	1200	1200
Moose Pass <i>Max Cramer</i>			67	345			400	300	
Sitka <i>D. Hartman</i>	342	840	291	4596			2430	1200	1100
TOTALS	68180	112972	11849	156363	8988	5949	115744	23083	21638

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Ministerial Support	Connectional Administration	World Service	General Adv. & World Serv. Spec.	One Great Hour of Sharing	World Communion	United Meth. Student Day	Human Relations Day	Conf. Advance Specials	Christian Educ. Sunday	Pipeline Chaplaincy	Native Ministries	GRAND TOTAL PAID
2161	839	972	428					110	102		96	36154
1596	618	717	227					60				38723
4591	1783	2066	636	268	114	78	181	628	121	116		154953
851	331	383	305	150	45	48	59	224	38	256	50	29499
62	24	28		30			10					1133
2155	838	969						64			531	46608
210	115	125		59							200	9730
723	281	325		26			4	46				13610
3289	1278	1480	2393	140			72	596		1027		68294
646	251	290	25	74	26							11342
270	105	121							17			3980
59	27	28	25									1481
581	226	261	360	132	55			259	17			24995
1625	632	731										27874
1250	486	562	168	21	31				43			27921
339	132	153	225									7650
401	156	180						24				8636
2518	978	1133		86			42					33530
964	375	434	227		39					80		12728
725	282	326	163	39								11787
146	57	66	13	2	2			11	5	10		1424
826	321	372	69		12		26		37			12462
25987	10135	11722	5264	968	383	126	394	2022	380	1489	877	584514

XI. PASTORAL RECORDS

AAMODT, AUGUST EDWARD **Northwest Texas**

Rock River Conference; on trial, 1951; D, 1951; Northeast Ohio Conference, E, 1959; EDUCATION: North Dakota State University, 1951; Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, 1959; APPOINTMENTS: Humboldt Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois, 1951; Minister to Youth, First Methodist Church, Canton, Ohio, 1954; Minister to Youth, First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, 1963; Dean of Men and Lecturer in Religion, Centenary College of Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana, 1967; Dean of Students and Lecturer in Religion, Centenary College of Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana, 1968; Minister to Youth, Polk Street United Methodist Church, Amarillo, Texas, 1971; Missionary to Alaska, Soldotna-North Star, November 1972. WIFE: Marie; CHILDREN: Arne, Peter, Karl.

BAINES, RAYMOND G. **Southern California-Arizona**

California-Nevada Conference; On trial, 1959; D, 1960; Oregon Conference, E, 1963; EDUCATION: Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, 1959; Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, 1963; APPOINTMENTS: Gardiner-Reedsport, Oregon, 1962; Special Appointments, 1963-74; Alaska Native Ministries, 1974; WIFE: Carolyn; CHILDREN: David, Debbie, Becky, Jon.

BARTEL, BRUCE ALLEN **Wisconsin**

Wisconsin Conference (EUB); On trial, 1965; D, 1969; E, 1970; EDUCATION: University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, 1966; Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1970; APPOINTMENTS: Milladore, Wisconsin, 1965; Wisconsin Rapids, (Associate) 1965; Alaska Mission, First-Anchorage (Associate), 1970; Kenai, Church of the New Covenant, 1971; WIFE: Kathleen Ann; CHILDREN: Tami, Brian.

BOWERS, ROBERT DALE **Wisconsin**

South Iowa Conference; On trial, 1958; D, 1959; E, 1961; EDUCATION: Drake University, 1957; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1961; APPOINTMENTS: South Iowa Conference, Victor-Immanuel, 1961; East Wisconsin Conference, Brookfield, 1964; Alaska Mission, Seward, 1967; Kenai-Church of the New Covenant, 1969; Anchor Park, Anchorage, 1971; WIFE: Beverly; CHILDREN: Stephen, Carolyn, Christine, David.

CRAMER, MAX WAYNE **Central Pennsylvania**

Central Pennsylvania Conference; On trial, 1951; D, 1952; E, 1954; EDUCATION: West Virginia Wesleyan College, B.A., 1951; Wesley Theological Seminary, B.D., 1954; APPOINTMENTS: Claysburg, 1951; McVeytown, 1954; Snowshoe, 1956; Reedsville, 1958; Harrisville, 1959; Dubois Lakeside, 1965; Alaska Mission, East Anchorage-Girdwood, 1966; Clearfield, Pennsylvania, 1970; Alaska Mission, Seward, 1973; WIFE: Gladys; CHILDREN: Ellen, Robert, Diana, Nancy, Beata.

FELLERS, JAMES ROBERT **Kansas**

Central Kansas Conference; On trial, 1967; Kansas West Conference, D, 1967; E, 1969; EDUCATION: Asbury College, 1966; Candler School of Theology, 1969; APPOINTMENTS: North Georgia, Belvedere (Associate), 1966; Alaska Mission, North Star, 1969; Soldotna-North Star, 1970; Ketchikan, 1972. WIFE: Faye; CHILDREN: Walter, Jennifer.

FISON, DAVID KONRAD **Northern Illinois**

Rock River Conference; On trial, 1954; D, 1954; E, 1956; EDUCATION: William Jewell College, 1952; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1956; APPOINTMENTS: Southwest Missouri, Bates City, 1949; Rock River, Malden, 1952; Ingelside, 1954; South Deering, 1956; Alaska Mission, Anchorage-First (Co-Pastor), 1960; Ketchikan, 1961; Fairbanks, 1966; St. John-Hope-Girdwood-Bayshore West, 1972; St. John-Hope-Bayshore West,

1975; WIFE: Aleen; CHILDREN: Susan Renee, Deborah Ann, Paul Wesley, Jane Elizabeth, David James.

GARVIN, JOHN CHARLES* Western Pennsylvania

Transfer from United Presbyterian Church to Western Pennsylvania Conference; E, 1962; EDUCATION: University of Pittsburgh, 1955; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1961; Graduate School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, 1970, 1972; Candidate PhD, University of Pittsburgh; APPOINTMENTS: Pittsburgh: Smithfield Street, (Associate), Bethany House, 1962; Pittsburgh, Church of Our Saviour, 1966; Calvary-Evergreen, 1971; Alaska Children's Services, 1975; WIFE: Audrey C.; CHILDREN: Barbara, Sally, Janice, Clark, Kenneth, David, Julianne, Lynette.

GAY, RICHARD RODDA* Western Pennsylvania

Philadelphia Conference; On trial, 1944; D, 1944; Pittsburgh Conference, E, 1946; Full Connexion, 1947; EDUCATION: Ursinus College, 1942; Drew University School of Theology, 1945; University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School, 1949; APPOINTMENTS: Philadelphia Conference, Evansburg, 1941; St. Johns, 1943; Hulmeville, 1944; Pittsburgh Conference, Pittsburgh First (Associate), 1946; Director of Religious Activities and Assistant Professor of Religion, Ohio Wesleyan University, 1950; Assistant to the President, Ohio Wesleyan University, 1954; Warrenburg, Ohio, Church, 1956; Professor of Religion and Philosophy and University Chaplain, AMU, 1962; Professor of Religion and Philosophy, AMU, 1970; Professor of Religion and Philosophy, Assistant to the President, AMU, 1971; Professor of Religion and Philosophy, Vice president, AMU, 1972; Professor of Religion and Philosophy, Executive Vice President, AMU, 1973; WIFE: Averill; CHILDREN: Judith, Patricia, Sheryl, Richard, Jerilee.

GROVES, LELAND EUGENE Oregon

Oregon Conference; On trial, 1959; D, 1960; E, 1962; EDUCATION: Willamette University, 1957; Chicago Theological Seminary, Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago, 1961; APPOINTMENTS: Sutherlin-Wilbur, 1961; Alaska Mission, Anchorage-First (Associate), 1963; In School, 1966; Fairbanks-First, (Associate) and Director, Wesley Foundation, 1967; Chugiak, 1969; WIFE: LaRae; CHILDREN: Jeffry.

MEMBER EMERITUS

GROVES, MEREDITH A. Oregon

Northwest Kansas Conference; On trial, 1924; D, 1924; Lenora, 1925; E, 1927; APPOINTMENTS: School, 1925; Oregon Conference, Turner, 1927; West Salem, 1928; Cottage Grove, 1931; Portland-Beech Street, 1935; Seaside, 1940; Medford, 1947; Roseburg, 1952; Superintendent, Eugene District, 1953; Executive Secretary, Coordinating Council, 1959; Alaska Mission Superintendent, 1964; Retired, 1969; Associate, Parkrose, Portland; Portland-Lincoln Street, 1971.

HARTMAN, DONALD LEE Western Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh Conference; On Trial, 1959; D, 1959; E, 1962; EDUCATION: Asbury College, 1956; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1962; APPOINTMENTS: Kentucky Mitchellsburg-Wesley Chapel, 1957; Western Pennsylvania, McKeesport-Christy Park, 1958; Pittsburgh, Emory (Associate), 1962; Pittsburgh, Bethany House Inner City Ministry, 1964; Alaska Mission, First-Anchorage (Associate), 1966; Anchorage First (Associate) and Girdwood, 1968; Sitka, 1970; Jewell Lake-Girdwood, 1975; WIFE: Alma; CHILDREN: Karl Bradford, Jeannette Lynn, Kurt Brian, Janet Lee.

HAYS, WALTER LEE, JR.* Southern California-Arizona

Ohio Conference; On Trial, 1961; Full Connection, 1963; D, 1961; E, 1963; EDUCATION: University of Cincinnati, 1960; Methodist Theological School, Ohio, 1963; APPOINTMENTS: Ohio, Newark First, (Assistant), 1960; Trinity, Columbus (Assistant), 1961; Alaska Mission, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, 1963; Director of

the Program Council, 1969; Nome, 1971; Southern California-Arizona Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, First (Associate), 1973; Director of Development, Alaska Children's Services, 1974; WIFE: Lydia Lou; CHILDREN: Thomas Campbell, Robert Kim, Kenneth Richard.

McNABB, ROBERT H.Oregon-Idaho

Upper Iowa, On trial, 1944; EDUCATION: Iowa Business College, 1937; Iowa State Teachers College, 1942; Cornell College of Iowa, 1943; Boston University School of Theology, 1946; Boston University Graduate School, 1947; APPOINTMENTS: Oregon, Greeley-Oneida, 1947; Missionary to Hawaii, 1950; Oregon, Oregon Fossil, 1955; Molalla, 1958; University Park-Portland, 1963; Coquille, 1967; Hermiston, 1970; Alaska Mission, Douglas, 1974; WIFE: Doris Jean; CHILDREN: Daniel L., Allen O., Robert Roy, Gail Wing, and Marjori-Jean.

NELSON, ROBERT WILLIAM*Southern California-Arizona

Southern California-Arizona; On trial, 1962; D, 1962; E, 1965; EDUCATION: El Camino College, 1956; Univeristy of California at Los Angeles, 1961; Claremont School of Theology, 1965; APPOINTMENTS: Southern California-Arizona Conference, Cermont Square, Los Angeles, 1962; Alaska Mission, Kenai, 1965; Fairbanks First (Associate) and Director of Wesley Foundation, 1969; Director of United Campus Ministry-Fairbanks, 1970; Wesley Foundation, UCLA, 1974; Director of Counseling, Alaska Children's Services, 1975; WIFE: Norma; CHILDREN: Erik Tighe, Lynette Susan.

ROBISON, ROGER D.Yellowstone

Ohio Conference; On trial, 1943; full member 1945; EDUCATION: Dartmouth College, 1942; Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, 1945; APPOINTMENTS: Montana Conference (now Yellowstone), Corvallis, Fort Benton, Great Falls-Christ Church; District Superintendent, 1957-61 and 1966-72; Butte United Methodist Parish, co-pastor, 1972; Alaska Mission, Sitka, 1975; WIFE: Olive; CHILDREN: David, Helen, James, Thomas and Philip.

SHAFFER, JOHN JAYCentral Illinois

Central Illinois Conference; On trial, 1960; D, 1960; E, 1962; EDUCATION: Illinois Wesleyan University, 1959; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1962; APPOINTMENTS: Central Illinois Conference, Wapella, 1958; Danville, St. James (Associate), 1959; Alaska Mission, Kenai, 1962; Chugiak, 1965; Juneau, 1969; Juneau-Douglas, 1970; Nome, 1974; WIFE: Barbara.

SMITH, RICHARD ROBERTMinnesota

Minnesota Conference, transfer from E.U.B.; D, 1946; E, 1948; EDUCATION: Indiana Central College, 1945; United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, 1948; APPOINTMENTS: Minnesota Conference, New Uhn, 1948; Kiester, 1950; Brainerd, 1954; St. Paul, First, 1957; Hutchinson Bethlehem, 1967; Alaska Mission, Fairbanks, 1974; WIFE: Donna; CHILDREN: Susan, David, Kathleen, Dale.

THOMPSON, ROGER WILLIAMNew York

Central New York Conference, on trial, 1946; Full Connection, 1948; D, 1946; E, 1948; EDUCATION: Tusculum College, 1944; Drew University Theological Seminary, 1948; APPOINTMENTS: At School (Woodbury, West Hills, L.I., 1946); (Woodbury, West Hills, Cold Spring Harbor, L.I., 1948); New York East Conference, 1949; Albertson, 1949; Northport, 1957; Alaska Mission, Anchorage-First, 1961; New York Conference, Dobbs Ferry, 1967; Meriden, Connecticut, First, 1970; Alaska Mission, East Anchorage, (Oct. 7) 1974; WIFE: Mary Lucile; CHILDREN: Melinda Lucile, Roger William, Mary Ann, James Corbett, John Mark.

TINDELL, JOHN RAYMONDFlorida

Florida Conference; On trial, 1959; D, 1959; E, 1963; EDUCATION: Florida Southern College, 1959; Candler School of Theology, 1963; Student University of Edinburgh, 1964; APPOINTMENTS: Florida Conference, Mirimar, 1961; Alaska Mission, Sitka, 1965; East Anchorage, 1970; Juneau-Northern Light United Church, (Oct.7) 1974; WIFE: Beryl; CHILDREN: Raymond Sidney, Cynthia Adair.

TRUDEAU, WILLIAM GEORGEDetroit

Detroit Conference; On trial, 1965; D, 1965; E, 1969; EDUCATION: Adrian College, 1964; Perkins School of Theology, 1968; APPOINTMENTS: Wesley Foundation, Ohio State University (Associate), 1967; Alaska Mission, Douglas, 1968; Nome Community Center, Inc., Director, 1970; Nome Church, Director of Community Center, 1973; Turnagain, 1974; WIFE: Danita; CHILDREN: David William.

WHITE, BOONE LYNEILLEOregon

Oregon Conference; On trial, 1954; D, Rock River Conference-Courtesy, 1954; E, 1957; EDUCATION: Colorado State University, 1948; Iliff School of Theology, 1950; Baylor University, 1951; Garrett Theological Seminary, 1955; Graduate Study, Drew University School of Theology, 1956; APPOINTMENTS: Central Methodist Church, Skokie, Illinois (Associate), 1953; New York Conference, Port Ewen-Rifton-Escopus, 1955; Oregon Conference, Salem-Morningside (organizing pastor), 1956; Idaho Conference, LaGrande, Oregon, Director Student Work, Eastern Oregon College, 1963; Oregon-Idaho Conference, Oregon City, Oregon, 1968; Alaska Mission, Anchorage-First, 1972; WIFE: Nancy; CHILDREN: Amy Camille, Tracy Kaarin, Ross Boone, Wendy Gretchen, Kristyn Brigit.

WISCHMEIER, AC CHESTERPacific Northwest

North Indiana Conference; On trial, 1938; D, 1938; E, 1940; EDUCATION: University of Nebraska, 1933; Boston University School of Theology, 1937; Graduate School, Boston University School of Theology, 1940; APPOINTMENTS: Pacific Northwest Conference, Salmon Creek-East Vancouver, 1941; East Vancouver, 1942; Lewiston, Idaho, 1946; Kennewick, 1949; Seattle-Haller Lake, 1953; Superintendent Walla Walla District, 1959; Superintendent, Tacoma District, 1961; Yakima-First, 1965; Bellingham, Garden Street, 1967; Alaska Mission Superintendent, 1969; WIFE: Irene; CHILDREN: Stephen, Suzanna, Donald

WISE, KEITH BURNELLSouthern New Jersey

East Pennsylvania Conference; (EUB) On trial, 1962; E, 1964; EDUCATION: Lebanon Valley College, 1961; United Theological Seminary, 1964; APPOINTMENTS: Student pastor, Bellgrove, Pa., 1960; Youth Director, Santa Clara Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio, 1961; Wiconisco-Loyalton, Pa., 1964; Clarksboro, N.J., 1968; Alaska Mission, Homer Parish, 1972; WIFE: Patricia; CHILDREN: Kathleen, Michael, Matthew, Kristin.

*Indicates special appointments in Alaska by another bishop.

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